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# Clinton Pledges to 'Persist Until We Prevail'

## Tripoli Hands Over Pan Am 103 Suspects

2 Ex-Agents Arrive in Netherlands for Trial

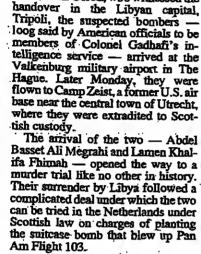
By Anne Swardson

ROTTERDAM — The suspected bombers of Pan Am Flight 103 arrived in the Netherlands on Monday from Libya to face trial under Scottish law more than 10 years after a bomb blew up the Boeing 747 passenger jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

It was the long-awaited end of seven years of diplomacy and negotiation involving the Umted Nations, President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, the Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, President Bill Clinton and the families of some and Clinton and the families of some of the 270 people who died in the disaster on Dec. 21, 1988.

Eleven of the victims were Scottish citizens who died on the ground in the town of Lockerbie; 189 of the passengers were Americans.

A suitcase containing the bomb ex-ploded shortly after the flight took off, just before the flight was to start



across the Atlantic to New York.
Accompanied by the UN legal
chief, Hans Corell, who witnessed the

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Accused: Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi, left, and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah.

For Southeast Asians

# **New Political Challenges**

## Indonesian Election Poses Fairness Issue

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

JAKARTA — Preparations for what are supposed to be Indonesia's first free and fair general elections since 1955 got off to a shaky start Monday as voter registration began amid more reports of violence and concern that neither the commission organizing the polls nor the government of President B.J. Habibie

would be neutral referees. There is widespread anxiety that intense rivalries among some of the 48 political parties will fuel the religious, ethnic and social tensions that have caused the deaths of several hundred Indonesians so far this year, mainly in and around Ambon in the Moluccas and the Kai Islands farther to the east and in arts of Kalimantan on Borneo island.

In the latest outbreak of communal violence, Christians and Muslims reaewed fighting Monday with bows and arrows, machetes, axes and spears in the Kai Islands, 3,300 kilometers (2,050 miles) east of Jakarta, where searchers pulled 20 bodies from burned-out buildings, taking the death toll in the conflict to 54, Reuters reported from Ambon.

Despite a ban on street rallies and some other campaign restrictions, analysts say they worry that as election fervor intensifies, the violence might spread to the main indonesian island of lava, where many of the largest in-dustrial centers, including Jakarta and Surabaya, are located. Such a development could frighten away urgently needed investment and plunge the econmy, which has recently shown signs of

But the General Elections Commission, bowing to the views of its party members, recently decided not to ban outdoor railies or travel by party supporters to and from rallies in convoys of vehicles, a major source of trouble in the

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## Malaysia Opposition Faces Uphill Battle

By Thomas Fuller

KUALA LUMPUR—The leaders of Malaysia's political opposition have unveiled what is potentially the most serious, broad-based challenge to the 18-year rule of Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad.

A new party inaugurated over the weekend by Azizah Ismail, the wife of Anwar Ibrahim, the dismissed deputy prime minister, promises to usher in a new era of Malaysian politics, linking the often fragmented, racially diverse political groups that oppose Mr. Material

But the opposition, even if it is united, is long way from threatening the 73-year-old prime minister and his gov-

ernment, political analysts say.

So tight is the grip of Mr. Mahathir and his allies that the new opposition grouping may not even be able to strip the governing coalition of its two-thirds majority during the next round of gen-eral elections, which must be called within a year.

"The ruling coalition is powerful, overwhelmingly powerful," said Chandra Muzaffar, deputy president of the newly formed opposition grouping, the National Justice Party. "It will be very difficult to unseat them. But you have to set your sights high and hope for

The National Justice Party, a name chosen to evoke the travails of Mr. Anwar, who is awaiting a verdict in a politically charged trial that has captivated the country, is up against not only Mr. Mahathir's formidable polit-ical skills but also proven party ma-chinery that has held power without interruption since independence in

Mr. Mahathir also has strong influence over the Malaysian mass media.



Children running toward French military helicopters Monday as they delivered rations to refugees in Albania.

New Concern Over a Surge in Nationalism

## The Silent Issue: Greater Albania

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS — Refugees have become an instrument of war that Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, is using to unleash a specter haunting the Balkans: Greater Albania.

An explosive issue little discussed in the West, the prospect

of a nationalistic surge for unity among the roughly 8 million Albanian-speaking people throughout the re-NEWS
gion fills most governments there with apprehension about a chain reaction starting in Macedonia. The repercussions could shatter the veneer of states and boundaries across this least-de-

veloped corner of Europe.

President Bill Clinton evoked this risk at the start of NATO's campaign, saying that Kosovo, in contrast to Bosnia, was not confined by natural borders but instead could evolve

was not confined by natural borders but instead could evolve into an open-ended conflict liable to spread through the southern Balkans and ultimately involve two North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, Greece and Turkey.

Belgrade's ferocious campaign to empty Kosovo of its ethnic Albanians, and NATO's determination to preserve their future place in their homeland, are both dictated by the possibility of a polarizing confrontation across the fault line in the southern Balkans. the southern Balkans.

On one side are Orthodox Christian groups in charge of Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Greece. On the other are Muslim Albanian-speaking minorities in all these countries, with an impoverished motherland in Albania, an ally in Bulgaria and an ultimate protector in Turkey.

In spawning refugee flows that strain economies and ethnic coexistence around Kosovo, Mr. Milosevic seeks to trigger a chain reaction of confrontations multiplying faster than NATO's ability to contain them. Western officials and spe-

His strategic goal is to consolidate Serbia, by overthrowing the government in Montenegro to drive out its Albanian minority, they say. He plans to repopulate a partly empired

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## In Montenegro, Split Loyalties

By Blaine Harden

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia - At the bus station Sunday morning, nervous people with suitcases were skipping out on Montenegro, convinced that soon there would be bloodshed

in this mountainous Yugoslav republic.

The NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, which consists of Montenegro and the far larger republic of Serbia, has blasted open a chasm of suspicion and resentment in this republic of about 640,000 people. They are split between supporters of an elected government that wants to embrace Western Europe and
supporters of the Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, the
Serb who is defiantly waging war against NATO.
The bombing of military targets inside Montenegro, which

NATO halted four days ago as it accelerated the pace of strikes inside Serbia, has handed Mr. Milosevic's supporters a resonant battle cry. At the same time, it has badly undermined the arguments of Montenegro's moderate leadership that good things come when you cozy up to the West,

'There is hate here now, and I think there will be civil war. There are two sides that disagree about everything," said Samira Sukolica, a Muslim woman who with her children and grandchildren was voting with her feet, abandoning Montenegro by bus for the safety of neighboring Bosnia.

Like Bosnia, which was convulsed by war from 1992 to 1995, this republic is a soup of different ethnic groups — Montenegrin, Serb, Muslim, Albanian and Croat. Once started, as everywhere in the Balkans, ethnic violence in this

republic could spin out of control as it did in Bosnia. The fear voiced by people packing outbound buses has been echoed by the State Department. It said last week that Washington was "highly concerned" that Mr. Milosevic would provoke violence in Montenegro in order to give the estimated 12,000 Yugoslav troops based in the republic an excuse to take over an elected government that has declared itself neutral in the conflict over Kosovo. Late last week Mr. Milosevic replaced the commander of those troops with

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An ethnic Albanian taking his children to a bus Monday near an improvised camp on the Yugoslav border.

## With Stock as Bait, Microsoft Lures Elite Professors

By Mark Leibovich

REDMOND, Washington - The company well known for its aggressive domination of the software world has set itself a new target; the best minds of

With cash, stock options and the promise of vast resources, Microsoft Corp. is luring faculty elites to its research center at a pace so fast that some campus departments say they are being picked clean.

Last month, Microsoft hired Lazlo Lovasz, a mathematician and recent winner of his field's prestigious Wolf Prize, away from Yale University. He will start in June and will join, among others, Michael Freedman, a Fields Medal-winning mathematician from the University of California at San Diego, and Jim Blinn, MacArthur fellow and computer graphics expert

from California Institute of Technology.

Microsoft Research, known as MSR, is aiming for a "faculty" of 600 people by the end of next year. It already is among the biggest computer science lab-

oratories in the world, with 350 researchers. But while other private research labs, including Lucent Technologies Inc.'s Bell Labs, IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center and Xerox Corp.'s Palo Alto Research recruited faculty stars long before Microsoft, no company has raided universities so brazenly, university administrators said. And none has offered such stock options as those that have mass-pro-duced so many Microsoft millionaires.

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## First Group Of Refugees Is Airlifted To Turkey

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, saying that NATO would 'persist until we prevail,' warned President Slobodan Milosevic on Monday that the alliance would not accept any outcome short of the objectives it has laid out.

"Empty promises and token half-measures won't do the job," Mr. Clinton said at a White House news briefing.

He appeared to allude to speculation that the mounting pressure on Yugoslavia from a punishing and stillexpanding air campaign might lead Mr. Milosevic to seek a cease-fire based on erms short of NATO's requirements. "If Mr. Milosevic does not do what is necessary," Mr. Clinton said, "NATO

More on Kosovo: Pages 3, 4 and S.

will continue an air campaign. It will be undiminished, unceasing and unrelent-

NATO has insisted that Mr. Milo-sevic withdraw his forces from Kosovo. allow refugees to return, grant self-government to the province, and allow a NATO peacekeeping force to enter the

Nothing less would suffice, Mr. Clin

"We are up against a dictator who has shown time and again he would rather rule over rubble than not at all."
he said, adding, "The ethnic cleansing
of Kosovo cannot stand as a permanent

The first tangible signs of coordinated relief emerged Monday for tens of thousands of terrified and exhausted refugees huddled along the muddy bor-ders of Kosovo, as NATO pursued both a humanitarian airlift and intensified

raids against Serbian military targets.

The first of hundreds of thousands of daily rations were delivered to refugees. Mr. Clinton said that on Monday, the first of eight planned Boeing 747 flights took a large shipment of rations to Italy. From there, he said, C-130 cargo planes will fly 10 missions daily to Tirana, the Albanian capital, from where helicopters

will relay the supplies to the border. Mr. Clinton acknowledged that the administration had been caught off-guard by the suddenness with which the humanitarian crisis unfolded. "It is impossible to prepare fully for the chaos that this kind of cruelty inevitably creates," he said.

With governments hard-pressed to meet all the needs of the swelling tide of refugees, he made a direct plea to the American people to contribute money to private charities involved in relief efforts. "We do need help," be said.

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## AGENDA

#### U.S. Baseball Season Starts Off in Mexico

In a break with longstanding tradition, Opening Day in Major League Baseball took place for the first time outside the United States or Canada as the Colorado Rockies defeated the San Diego Padres, 8-2, in a National League game in Monterrey, Mexico.

The venue signaled baseball's increasingly aggressive bid to expand its reach and Mexico's growing importance to U.S. culture, sports and entertainment. Page 16.

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## In China's Graveyards, Tiananmen Memorials

By Michael Laris Washington Post Service

BELIING - Zhou Shuzhuang walked China's capital on Monday morning. In an indication of government nervousreached down and began brushing away the leaves and dust that had settled on her

the bevy of undercover agents peeping at Mrs. Zhon's every move was a potent reminder that in China, mourning is often much more than a family affair.

Mrs. Zhou's son, Duan Canglong, was 23 when Communist Party leaders ordered the army to open fire on unarmed iananmen Square almost a decade ago. Mr. Duan was shot through the chest just after 1 A.M. on June 4, 1989. He was a student leader and chemistry major from Qinghua University who took to the streets to push reform in China.

"With such a patriotic child," Mrs. Zhou said, sobbing, "how could they

shoot him dead?"

Mrs. Zhon has swept her son's grave every Qing Ming — and every June 4 since 1991. She was too devastated to do it in 1990, on the first anniversary of his large case of injustice is oor redressed.

'For those first two years, every time I thought of Canglong, I would run outside like a crazy person," Mrs. Zhou said. "Ten years later, my thinking has gradually become stronger. My child was shot dead for no reason. I want to defend my son.'

Tiananmen remains the most incengovernment is starting early to make crackdown will pass without incident.

The authorities have already walled off the entire square with sheet metal to prevent any public memorials for the leaders.

He framed the issue of "rehabilitating" the 1989 democracy movement in terms of the interests of China's current leaders.

By Barry Bearak

NEW DELHI - The governing

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

defiantly declared Suoday that he would

welcome a oo-confidence motioo in Par-

liament, calling it an opportunity for his

hundreds and perhaps thousands of Chinese killed in the armed assault.

The Qing Ming festival on Monday was the first in a long series of aninto a cemetery on the west side of niversaries connected to the crackdown. oess, the authorities briefly detained Ding Zilin, an outspoken advocate for Tianan-men victims and their families, over the It was a scene repeated across the country as millions of Chinese paid respects to deceased relatives in the Qing Ming, or tomb sweeping, festival But the beyong undercours accounts as a constant of the part of undercours accounts as a constant of the country and under the beyong the part of the constant of the country and under the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country as millions of Chinese paid respect to the country and the c

also shot by troops in 1989.

Prime Minister Zhu Roogji is expected to face tough questions oo China's human rights practices when he arrives in the United States oo Tuesday for a summit meeting.

Political reformers jailed for their involvement in the demonstrations have began calling oo the government to reappraise the Tiananmen demonstrations, which has added to official nervousness. A senior Communist Party official purged for his role in the demonstrations called last mooth for China's leaders to reverse their verdict on the protests and admit that the government was wrong to

the hearts of the common people will not be able to bear it.'

Mr. Bao remains one of the most sensitive political figures in China today. He was the only senior official jailed for his role in the protests, and he has spoken out infrequently since his release from prison in 1996.

Mr. Bao's letter to the Chinese leaddiary political issue in China, and the ership often reads more like a policy memo from a policical adviser than an

appeal from a purged official.

He framed the issue of "rehabilitat-

Indian Government Facing a New Test



Wang Xizhe, left, a Chinese dissident, being escorted by a South Korean official at the Seoul airport Mouday on his foiled attempt to enter China.

■ Dissident Is Turned Back

The exiled Chinese dissident Wang Xizhe arrived in Bangkok on Monday after his attempt to return home to pay respects to his deceased father was aborted in Seoul, Reuters reported. He had

Korean carrier, from New York to Beijing before he was taken off the plane during a stop in Seoul and put on a flight to the Thai capital. In Bangkok, he unfurled a

poses. China is under attack in the United States for allegedly stealing nuclear weapons secrets and for undertaking a oew crackdown against dissent. The one possible centerpiece of the impending summit meeting — progress on China's application to join the World Trade Organization — could easily be been traveling on Asiana Airlines, a South sobsumed by political wrangling.
At home, Mr. Zhu and President Jiang

## After Killings, **Timor Rebel**

JAKARTA - The detained East Timor guerrilla leader Xanana Gusmao ordered his supporters to take up arms against Indonesia ou Mooday after troops and Jakarta loy-

Calls for War

day after troops and Jakarta loy-alists killed 17 civilians.

In a statement issued by his at-torney, Mr. Gusmao called for a "general popular insurrection," say-ing he had no choice after cootinued attacks against his supporters, in-cluding the killings Monday in Li-quisa. The rebel leader said Jakarta was deliberately undermining atwas deliberately undermining at-tempts to reach a peaceful solution on the status of East Timor by arming civilian militias and fomenting violence.

"I am compelled to authorize the guerrillas to undertake all necessary action in defense of the population against the unprovoked and murderoos attacks of armed civilian groups backed up" by the Indone-sian military, he said in the statement issued from the Jakarta hungalow where he is under house arrest. Asked if that meant resuming an

armed fight against Indonesian forces and supporters, the guerrilla leader's attorney, Johnsoo Panjaitan, said, "That means taking up arms." Many had hoped that a peaceful solution to East Timor's status

might finally be within reach after more than 23 years of bloodshed. In January, in an abrupt reversal, Jakarta raised hopes of an end to the strife when it said it might grant the former Portuguese colony indepen-

dence if East Timorese vnted down an offer of autonomy. In Lisbon, Portugal expressed in-dignation Monday over the killing of civilians in East Timor, but said it was willing to continue UN-brokered talks with Jakarta.

poster that read "Going back to the home-land is a right that cannot be deprived."

Hard-liners such as Mr. Li, security officials and some military officers, along with vested interests in the Chinese hureaucracy, might take heart in a failed trip to America, Western and Chinese sources say. It could presage a serback to Mr. Zho's reforms, the preservation of ministerial bailiwicks and a chance to deal U.S.-Chinese relations a serious blow and to bolster ties with Moscow,

which sells Beijing an estimated \$1 billion worth of weapons each year.

This complex interplay of domestic politics in America, domestic politics in China and geopolitical rivalry between the most powerful nation in the world and the most populous one have com-bined to place intense pressure on Wash-

covered in rotten tomatoes and eggs.

ferences," he said.

Mr. Smith admitted to being wowed
by the straight-talking former mayor of
Shanghai, who recently completed his

first year as prime minister.
"I actually believe he would be a

wonderful face for China in America," Mr. Smith said. "I found him a very

warm and friendly human being that brings a charisma that Americans would

warm to, like we have with few other

On Tuesday, Mr. Zho is scheduled to

On Thesday, Mr. Zho is scheduled to begin an eight-day trip to six cities in the United States and to Canada. Mr. Zhu's journey to the United States, his first since 1990, comes at a critical time for relations between Washington and Beijing, for China itself and for the United States.

The United States is waging a war in Yngoslavia that Beijing stridently op-poses. China is under attack in the

Zemin are under pressure from hard-line

politicians, such as Mr. Zhu's prede-

cessor, Li Peng, the No. 2 man in the Communist Party, for pursuing close ties with the United States.

Chinese leaders."

ington's ties with Beijing.
.- Of course, it will not be an easy task to visit the United States," Mr. Zhu said last month.

"I don't think my visit to America will be entering a minefield," he said, "hut for sure I do expect to encounter

hostile or unfriendly feelings. Chinese leaders have debated the wisister told Mr. Smith and other U.S. senators that he was concerned about the

"I told him," Mr. Smith said, "that while it is a time of peril, it's also one of real opportunity to roll back some of the criticisms and make some changes in the policies that will help us make progress between our countries."

Still, a U.S. diplomat cautioned about hoping for too much from the visit.
"Zhu's a very impressive guy," the diplomat said. "hut he's not a closet capitalist, he's not China's Gorbachev or anything like that. He's a Soviet-trained engineer. He's a central planner. He

believes in a state-run economy." Also, at root, the problems between the United States and China are not ones that even a talented politician like Mr.

During the summit meeting between President Bill Clinton and Mr. Jiang in October 1997, the two countries announced the creation of a "constructive strategic partnership." But, actually, the countries are at loggerheads.

Some Chinese and Western experts have argued that Mr. Zhn's trip could succeed if he opened up to Americans and spoke about his own troubled his-

WEATHER

A Risky Mission for Zhu:

Reforms Could Suffer if U.S. Trip Fails

By John Pomfret
Washington Pour Sents

tory. Mr. Zhu was By John Pomfret

Washington Post Service

BEUING — When Gordon Smith, a
Republican senator from Oregon, met
with Prime Minister Zhu Rongji last
week, the 71-year-old Chinese leader
confided that he was concerned he
would return from the United States
covered in rotten tomatoes and eggs.

Tory. Mr. Zhu was persecuted as 4.
"rightist" in the late 1950s. In the
1960s, during the Cultural Revolution,
he was dispatched to a pig. farm. Some,
have suggested he could go a long way to
assuaging U.S. criticism of China's human rights record by putting its currensimation in historical perspective.

But Mr. Zhu will have limited wiggleroom in the United States.

room in the United States.

"Zhu is in a box right now," said ag!
Asian diplomat who has long served inovered in rotten tomatoes and eggs.

Mr. Smith encouraged Mr. Zhu to go anyway and confront his U.S. critics.

"I told him there will be a heck of a stage for him to speak to the American people about where he's trying to take China, and how we can resolve our difference of the united States. But the hard-ingers would be able to use that so daming him at home."

#### BRIEFLY

#### Estrada Threatens Communist Rebels

MANILA— President Joseph Estrada of the Philippines threatened Monday to order a fullscale military offensive against Communist rebels if they did not free within two weeks five army and

police officers they were holding. He also offered to give rebel noninees advisory posts in his administration if they laid down their arms.
"Up to now, they have been giving
us a run-around," he said. "That's
up to them but only until April 19. If they still do not release them, we will give them an all-out fight."

The National Democratic Front has promised to release the five, including an army general, in ex-change for a halt in military op-erations and the withdrawal of troops from areas where the rebels operate. Mr. Estrada said he had accepted the demands. (Reuters)

#### North Korea Lacks Children's Vaccines

BELIING — After four years of chronic food shortages, children in North Korea are stunted and malnourished and have not received the immunizations they need to prevent childhood diseases, an activist said

As many as 2 million children under age 5 are not getting shots for measles, and other illnesses, said Bernard Krisher, head of the Internet Appeal for North Korean Children. Mr. Krisher's assessment under-

scored the damage that the eco-nomic collapse has wrought oo the Communist country's once well-

## Sri Lanka Tightens Guard on Elections

COLOMBO - Sri Lanka tightened security at polling places ical rivals intensified before regional elections.

One person was killed Monday in the central town of Matale, raising to four the death toll in unrest linked to the elections Tuesday, the independent Center for Monitoring Election Violence said. About 35,000 police were being deployed. officials said, and the military was. ou standby alert.

### Classes in Pakistan For Afghan Women

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - Auniversity for Afghan refugees opened -Monday in this border city, giving 2,000 young Afghan women an opportunity to study, something denied them in their homeland.

The Taleban forces that control 90 percent of Afghanistan have imposed a version of Islamic law that p prevents women from attending school or working. They say they will open schools for girls after peace is established. (AP)

#### ded gold jewelry, thousands of saris, 750 pairs of shoes, 91 designer watches and 19 fitting parts. It has held power with a thin majority, dependent on the 18 votes of a automobiles. Three weeks ago, she was

cabinet reiterated that view Monday.

The coalition is an odd union of illstate party from Tamil Nadu run hy a accused of beating her former accountant mercurial former actress. Jayalalitha Jawith a shoe and then forcing him to sign

Over the weekend, Miss Jayaram for her income tax problems.

Whatever her legal problems, she commands the loyalty of her party, the remandes, reinstate the onsted naval All India Anna Dravida Munnetra made three demands on the government: Dismiss Defense Secretary George Fernandes, reinstate the onsted naval chief, Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat, and set up a parliamentary committee to investigate charges of corruption that Admiral Bhagwat has made against his former

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Vote of Confidence Looms as Key Partner Challenges Hindu Nationalists

has refused to give in.
[Miss Jayaram then said Monday that she was withdrawing her two ministers from the 13-mooth-old governing coalitioo with "immediate effect." Agence France-Presse reported.

Hindu nationalist party is facing a political showdown with its largest coalition partner, a very public test of wills that has much of India speculating about whether the year-old government is about to fall. [The move could embolden the op-position Congress (I) Party and its allies to force a confidence vote when Parliament recoovenes April 15. observers said.] The flamboyant Miss Jayaram is oo

stranger to corruption charges herself. She faces trial in several alleged scams Bharatiya Janata Party to prove that if old allies desert the ship of state, new of Tamil Nadu, from 1991 to 1995. that stem from her term as chief minister When she was arrested in 1996, press

"We are prepared to face a trial of reports said that among the treasures kilograms (64 ponods) of diamond-studapers that confessed full responsibility

> Kazagham. On Saturday, the party's general council uoanimously gave her power to form "new alliances depending on the evolving political situation."

Miss Jayaram is prone to political tantrums, and much doubt has been expressed about the grave concern she shows for the defense secretary's joh performance.

In the past, her demands have involved more personal matters: the charges filed against ber, which the government recently transferred to a court. she finds more amenable, and the charges she would like to see filed against her longtime nemesis, Muthuvel Karunanidhi, preseot chief minister of Tamil Nadu.

Her current threats might be considered as the bombast of a limelight addict except for a reception given March 29 in Miss Jayaram's hooor in New Del-(I) Partywas among the guests.

The two womeo spent less than 10 minutes together, drinking tea. But the mere fact of their poblic chat made the front pages. Coojecture began about a budding alliance.

Since her party outperformed the Hindu nationalists in state elections in November, there has been talk that Mrs. Gandhi might try to take power.

But what argues against that possi-

hility is the fact that Congress Party would find itself in the same situation as the Hindu nationalists, sewing patches oo an easily frayed coalition.

## China Calls Report of U.S. Funding 'Concocted'

tions Monday that it had funneled money to

day analyzing the Balkan

situation gave an incorrect date for Greek independence

from the Ottoman Empire. It

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the Democratic Party in the United States, calling reports of its secret political donations a "random and wanton fallacy." Sun Ynxi, the Foreign Ministry's spokes-

man, told the official Xinhua press agency that China had "never donated" to a U.S. presidential campaign and was opposed to interference in the affairs of another nation.

Reuters

He was reacting to reports in the U.S. media that China's head of military intelligence used \$300,000 to aid the re-election of President Bill Clinton in 1996. He said such accusations had been "concocted by a few people with olterior motives." The Los Angeles Times on Sunday quoted sources familiar with statements made by Johnny Chung, a Democratic fund-raiser, to federal investigators that a Chinese go vertiment official had funneled the cash through Mr. Chung to the Democrats.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE Correction An article in editions Mon-

#### Rickshaws on the Streets of Paris PARIS (AFP) - Bike rickshaws are to hit Paris next week. enabling footsore tourists to tour the heart of the city in

springtime while someone else does the pedating.

Painted bright yellow and black, like New York cabs, an inaugural fleet of around 10 rickshaws is scheduled to begin

service Monday. They will take off from the Tuileries gardens near the vast Place de la Coocorde and cootinue for five kilometers (three miles). The one-hour ride will go past the Opera, the Louvre Museum, the Seine river and the Orsay Velos Taxis were the brainchild of two brothers, Patrick and

Didier Leoohart, both former members of the French Foreign Legion. The vehicles, consisting of a two-seat, fiberglass cabin atop a tricycle, are being produced at the rate of about six vehicles a month, with orders coming in from other French cities, including Nice.

## Portuguese Truckers Begin Strike

LISBON (Reuters) — Portuguese truckers began an in-definite pay strike Monday that could disrupt fuel supplies, a unioo spokesman said. Fernando Fidalgo of Festru, or the Federation of Road and Urban Transport Unions, said most of the country's 35,000 to 40,000 truckers would join the strike.

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## THE AMERICAS

# For Zh High Court Supports Police in a Car Search

fustices Say Passengers, Too, Face Scrutiny

By a 6-to-3 vote in a Wyoming case, the court expanded the already considerable police power to search motor vehicles without a court warrant.

"Effective law enforcement would be took these steps." receive taw emoticement would be appreciably impaired without the ability his search a passenger's personal belongings when there is reason to believe contraband or evidence of criminal contraband or evidence of wrongdoing is hidden in the car." Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court.

#### POLITICAL NOTE

### Gore's Rough Ride In Silicon Valley

WASHINGTON — It was not exactly the welcome wagon.

As Vice President Al Gore arrived in Los Angeles on Monday for a two-day California visit, two distinct Republican groups were trying

to rain on his bandwagon.

The Republican Leadership
Council, a centrist Washingtonbased group, lauoched a two-day television advertising campaign in San Francisco and San Jose — which Mr. Gore will visit Tuesday — poking fun at his recent claim that he had taken the "initiative in creating the Internet."

Meanwhile, a group of Silicon Valley Republicans — aiming to dispel the impression that Mr. Gore has locked up the support of the high-tech community for his presidential campaign in 2000 - purchased a full-page ad in the San Jose Mercury News on Monday urging the Texas governor, George Bush,

to seek the presidency. Together, these Republican ads underscore two intriguing subplots already emerging in the competition to succeed President Bill Clinton: a. growing interest by independent groups in purchasing ads to shape the campaign, and a spirited competition for the allegiance of the high-technology entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The police can said: "Today, instead of adhering to the settled distinction between drivers and passengers inside a vehicle when law-fully seeking criminal evidence against the driver, the Supreme Court ruled "Under that rule, he said the said and the said

Under that rule, he said, the police might be able to search a taxi passen-ger's briefcase if they had reason to believe the driver had a syringe somewhere in his vehicle.

In other rulings on Monday, the court

 It agreed to review the death sentence of a convicted Virginia killer whose scheduled Tuesday execution it postponed last week. The justices said they would decide whether a death row inmate, Terry Williams, should get a federal court hearing on his claims that he was denied adequate legal help during his sentencing trial.

• It ruled that criminal defendants who

plead guilty have a constitutional right to plead guilty have a constitutional right to remain silent at sentencing without judges' holding it against them. Judges cannot impose harsher punishment if such defendants refuse to give details about the crime, the justices said in a 5-4 decision in a Pennsylvania drug case.

Justice Anthony Kennedy's opinion was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stevens Research

Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

The Wyoming case that spurred the decision Monday began as a routine

traffic stop. A car driven by David Young was stopped for speeding on Interstate 26 on July 23, 1995. After a Highway Patrol officer saw a hypodermic syringe in Mr. Young's pocket, the driver candidly said he had used it to take drugs.

In the ensuing search, two other officers asked the car's two female passengers to get out of the car. One of them

sengers to get out of the car. One of them, Sandra Houghton, left her purse on the car's back seat. Inside it, the police found drug paraphernalia and liquid methamphetamine. She was convicted

on a felony charge but appealed.

The Wyoming Supreme Court threw out her conviction last year, ruling that the police were justified only in searching the cat for drugs Mr. Young may have had with him — and could not search Ms. Houghton's purse.

The decision on Monday reversed the

The decision on Monday reversed the state court's ruling, "The sensible rule is that such a package may be searched, whether or not its owner is present as a passenger or otherwise, because it may contain the contraband that the officer has reason to believe is in the car." Justice Scalia said.



FLATTENED IN LOUISIANA - A couple searching for belongings in the ruins of their Benton, Louisiana, mobile bome that was destroyed by a weekend tornado. The final death toll from the twister was six, with about 100 people injured and 500 left homeless.

#### **Away From Politics**

• The FBI completed a search of a could send electronic mail to all its remote Texas ranch for clues to the employees, showing that technology is 1995 disappearance of Madlyn Murray surpassing the government's ability to O'Hair, the atheist leader, but it did oot cope with it. The rules aim to prevent a disclose what, if anything, it had found. An FBI spokesman said investigators from the FBI and other agencies had The coovenience of e-mail for citizens ended their search of the Camp Wood is incoovenient for the government, ranch, 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of San Antonio. (Reuters)

• The 31th anniversary of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s death drew only 15 marchers to Memphis, one year after 4,000 marchers stretched six blocks to remember the slain civil rights leader. The rally Sunday featured chants, songs and speeches. The group stood under the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, where Mr. King was assassinated in 1968. (AP)

deluge of e-mail, which can be sent instantly to thousands of bureaucrais. which is struggling to balance its obligation to listen to taxpayers against the need for employees to get their

A tornado touched down in Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, causing property damage but no serious injuries, officials said. The twister blew through the city after dawn, forcing merchants and residents to flee to the safety of basements and other shelters. Radio reports said that the tornado ripped the roof off a shopping center • The U.S. Forest Service rushed to and did limited damage to an eleadopt new rules about how taxpayers mentary school. (Reuters)

## Military Chiefs Doubted Efficacy Of Air Strikes

By Bradley Graham

WASHINGTON - In the weeks before NATO launched its air campaign against Yugoslavia, U.S. military chiefs expressed deep reservations about the Clinton administration's approach to Kosovo and warned that bombing alone likely would oot achieve its political aims, according to sources familiar with their thinking.

The Pentagon's senior four-star of-ficers, meeting in closed-door sessions, argued that the administration should province before resorting to air strikes.

They also complained about what they

The chiefs: saw as the lack of a long-term vision for the Balkans and questioned whether enough to merit a military confroota-

"I don't think anybody felt like there had been a compelling argument made that all of this was in our national in-terest," said one senior officer knowledgeable about the deliberations.

denied divisioo amoog the top com-manders, Ageoce France-Presse report-ed from Washington oo Monday. "There was significant debate during the course of the weeks leading up to the air campaign," Mr. Cohen said. "But ultimately, everyone coderstood that we could got afford to sit on the sidelines; that this action had to be taken."

["Whatever divisions there were or doubts there were, they were resolved before the president made a decision," they could have been," said a senior be cootinued. "And it was consistent officer, reflecting the view of the with the recommendation of both the chiefs. intelligence community and the members of the joint chiefs."

Led by Geoeral Henry Sheltoo, chair-man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the commanders challenged in particular the "domino theory" being pressed in in-tersgency discussions by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "Losing" Kosovo, she and her allies in the discussions maintained, would lead to wider destabilization in the Balkans that sooner or later would damage U.S. interests in Europe — so better to act before it was too late.

strikes, embracing the administration's view that U.S. leadership in NATO had to be preserved and that the looming humanitarian catastrophe in Kosovo had earlier besitations had been forwarded to and, very likely, would fall short.

President Bill Clinton and his aides, and reports from the White House have said doubts from the military were weighed in the final decision to go to war.

"I think it's safe to say the Joint Chiefs had reservations," said a senior military officer with direct knowledge of their talks. "But you know, yoo make your case, and that's why we have civilian control over the military.

Twelve days into the bombing campaign, the military leaders remained doobtful that air strikes alone could satisfy the larger political objectives put forward by Mr. Clinton and other NATO use more economic sanctions and other leaders: stopping the violence in Kosovo oonmilitary levers to compel Belgrade and driving President Slobodan Miloto make peace in the rebellious Serbian sevic of Yugoslavia back to the bar-

The chiefs are understood to be wary of recommending ground forces, wor-ried that this would evolve into yet an-U.S. national interests there were strong other open-ended commitment of U.S. troops in a foreign trouble spot. At the same time, if a political decision were made to send ground units to combat Yugoslav troops, the service leaders have stressed that the force should be substantial

The heads of the army, navy, air force [Defense Secretary William Cohen and Marine corps do oot participate in anied divisioo amoog the top comcootinue to be consulted regularly oo its course, and General Sheltoo and Defense Secretary Cohen are supposed to relay the chiefs' views to Mr. Clinton and his national security advisers.

From the ontset, the chiefs reportedly were skeptical of the rationale for U.S. military involvement in Kosovo.

"There were other tools that maybe just had not been exploited to the degree

Asked about the commanders' doubts, a spokesman for the Joint Chiefs, Captain Steve Pietropaoli of the navy, said that cone of the military leaders dissented when presented with the NATO strike plan. They all agreed that the operation envisioned could achieve the articulated objective," he said.

Bot by then the military mission had been framed oarrowly: "to degrade Serbian capability to conduct repressive actions against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo." There was oo specific re-quirement to halt Belgrade's relentless drive to push ethnic Albanians out of the Ultimately, the chiefs agreed unandrive to push ethnic Albanians out of the imously last mooth to go along with air province, nor was there a mandate to bomb Mr. Milosevic back to the bargaining table.
Still, the chiefs understood that the

humanitarian catastrophe in Kosovo had military campaign would be judged to be addressed, the sources said. But the against these larger political objectives

## and the figure of the fifteen the section of the fifth of the first of the first of the first particular and the Doctors Are Turning Away Uninsured

By Amy Goldstein

WASHINGTON — In the two dedes after he became a doctor, Glenn

Southern California, where nearly everyone who has insurance belongs to a managed-care plan, Dr. Littenberg's own income was falling even as he squeezed more patients into his days.

Today he sometimes feels guilty, but he also is a realist. Speaking as one pinched for money and time, Dr. Littenberg says that "charity care has pretty much game by the wateride". much gone by the wayside."

It has been suspected for the last few years that, in the privacy of their offices, doctors in the United States, like this 50year-old Pasadena gastroenterologist, quietly have been cutting a lifeline to the uninsured. But nobody had documented

their actions. Now, the scope of that phenomenon is evident for the first time in research which soggests that managed care erodes physicians willingness to treat people without insurance or money.

physicians, a study published in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association found that doctors whose income depended most heavily on health maintenance organizations and other managed-care health plans devoted on average only half as much time to charity care as did their managed care.

Even more striking, the study found tients, as they struggle to cope with that physicians working in communities changes in states' Medicaid programs where managed care was most common and new limits oo financial help from the tended to spend significantly less time federal government. treating uninsured patients, regardless of

their bills. But not long ago, he began encouraging people without insurance to look elsewhere for care.

The local hospital would no longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would no longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would no longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would not longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would not longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would not longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would not longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients are the latest evidence of a bleak aspect of health care in the United surface.

States: Even as the nation enjoys an era of sustained prosperity, more Americans are being pushed to the marking of the hospital would not longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. And in the hospital would not longer allow Dr. Littenberg to bring occasional patients for free tests. patients for free tests. And in the heart of care system. And managed care, the asthma attacks or other medical emerprivate market answer the nation has grasped in hopes of curbing medical

> Managed care seems to be eroding physicians' willingness to treat people without insurance or

costs, sometimes has adverse effects on

the people it has not embraced.

"I think the system is on the verge of a major breakdown," Dr. Littenberg said.

Throughout most of this decade, the ounder of uninsured Americans has increased by about I million a year to more than 43 million today.

Doctors are not the only ones feeling Based on a survey of 12,000 U.S. the strain. Charity care by physicians is eroding at the same time as the dominant facilities that care for poor patients—
the communication of the communi nation's medical "safety net" - are themselves resting on increasingly shaky ground

care of their clientele of uninsured pa- expense of treating the uninsured.

Although no one knows the results for tenberg had fit into his schedule a few how many HMO patients were in their sure, some physicians and public health

gencies. But Mohammad Akhter, executive director of the American Public Health Association, said more routine care 'is being denied all over the place." He added that a "large burden of disease is being built up among the un-insured people of this county."

The group that sponsored the research into charity care, a Washington-based nonprofit organization called the Center for Smdying Health System Change, re-leased another study last month indi-cating that Medicaid managed care is, indeed, squeezing out medical resources for the uninsured.

In states where Medicaid programs rely most heavily oo managed care, this second study found, uninsured patients were less likely to have a regular physician or to have visited a doctor or clinic

in the previous year.

The main author of both studies, Peter Cunningham, and other health policy experts believe the reason for these patterns is simple: HMOs and other managed-care plans, eager to keep medical costs low, tightly cootrol payments to doctors, hospitals and clinics.

As a result, those physicians and fa-

cilities have been forced to abandoo their In many U.S. communities, those longtime habit of making enough profit colleagues who were not participating in clinics and hospitals are less able to take from their insured patients to cover the

## BRIEFLY

## Rebels Kill 22 Algerian Troops

ALGIERS - Twenty-two Algerian government soldiers were shot and killed when Muslim guerrillas ambushed a military convoy, a local daily reported.

The guerrillas sprayed the convoy with machine-gun fire early Sunday in Melaha hamlet of Blida Province, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Algiers, El Watan newspaper reported Monday.
Twelve rebels were killed in an ensuing clash, the news-

## Term Over, Mexican Said to Flee

MEXICO CITY — An outgoing Mexican governor under investigation for drug trafficking has fled the country and may be in Panama, according to media reports Monday. Dealai Lama Optimistic on Tibet

The term of Mario Villanueva, governor of the state of The term of Mario Villanueva, governor enjoyed

Quintana Roo, ended Monday, meaning he no longer enjoyed in junity from prosecution.

If he has decided to leave the country, it is because he felt it would be easier to defend himself from abroad than to stay

as, torg a rocal radio station.
The Jornada daily said Mr. Villanueva fled to Panama,

where he is said to have business interests, while Reforms said the governor left the country with his state's police chief,

## Sharon to Meet With Albright

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel announced he would meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington on Friday to discuss the stalled Middle East peace process. Mr. Sharon told Israel Radio on Monday that he would meet

Mrs. Albright and other officials "to say again that the delay in agreements with the Palestinians is their fault solely." Israel halted the implementation of the U.S.-brokered Wye River interim peace accord late last year over alleged Pal-

RIO DE JANEIRO - The Dalai Lama arrived in Brazil on Sunday, saying he was optimistic about the situation of Tibet

it would be easier to defend himself from autonat dual to say in Cama.

'In spite of all the sadness, I think that things are changing been issued today.' Mr. Villanueva's attorney, Raul Carde for the better,' the Tibetan spiritual leader said on his second trip to Brazil since a 1992 conference on the environment, told a local radio station.

The lorneds daily said Mr. Villanueva fled to Panama, ment.

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#### The Battle Plan / We Are Clearly Moving Toward a Ground War'

## With Dispatch Of Gunships, **U.S. Crosses** A Threshold

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The 24 Apache helicopter gunships and the long-range rockets that President Bill Clinton has ordered to Albania, combined with 8,000 NATO troops sent to aid refugees there, form the backbone of what could quickly be turned inm the vanguard of an invasion force.

Administration officials insist this is oot their plan and that, at most, these troops would be sent into Kosovo to escort ethnic Albanians back to their homes once hostilities ceased.

The Apaches, these officials say, are bound for the Balkans because General Wesley Clark, the NATO military commander, wants a potent, all-weather tank-killing weapon to bolster an air campaign that has been stymied hy fog, rain and political constraints.

But the helicopters mark an important threshold in the 13-day allied operation. These are U.S. Army weapons flown by

mission will be to attack hostile air defenses, and possibly other targets, deep behind Serbian lines.

"They are combat troops and they'll have no problem whatsoever switching have no problem have no problem whatsoever switching have no problem have no

to a combat role if such an order is ' said Lieutenant General Wil-Senior congressional officials echoed

"If they want to call them part of the air campaign, fine, but they're a ground hinted later in the day that they expected support unit," a senior congressional aide said. "We are clearly moving toward a ground war in Kosovo

Last week, a senior NATO official in Brussels said the fact that the United States wanted to send Apaches and rocket batteries operated by U.S. Army troops from Germany "raises some in-teresting questions about their position not to use ground forces."

Here is why: The Apaches add a deadly new dimension to a NATO air campaign that has failed to deter the forces of President Slobodan Milosevic from expelling tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians from the besieged province and that has been hampered in destroying the military machine waging

If dispatched in combat, which still needs concurrence from NATO's political leaders Monday and a second approval from Mr. Clinton, the Apaches would streak into Kosovo at night bugging the earth at speeds of over 150 miles

Each helicopter can fire up to 16 laserguided Hellfire missiles from more than

three miles away.

Except for dense fog, the Apaches can

fly in the foulest weather. But flying closer to the ground than any piloted warplane also makes the automatic-weapon ground fire or short-

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livered," a representative of the British

government's Scottish Office told re-

"We can confirm they have been de-

From now until the end of the trial,

Camp Zeist is legally Scottish soil. The

suspects will be tried by Scottish judges under Scottish law, accused by Scottish prosecutors, defended by Scottish law-

yers and watched over by more than 100

states concerned is unprecedented,"

said the UN legal counsel, Mr. Corell,

who accompanied the suspects on the four-hour flight aboard an Italian gov-

ernment aircraft flying under the authority of the United Nations.

Colonel Gadhafi has not indicated

what persuaded him to finally turn over

the two men, though part of the agree-ment negotiated with the UN secretary-

general, Kofi Annan, authorized the sus-

pension — which took place Monday —

of the seven-year-old economic sanc-tions against Lihya. The sanctions will

not be lifted permanently until Libya

meets other conditions stipulated in the

agreement, including promising to pay

compensation to the victims' families if

ful to reinforce what the UN legal coun-

sel called "a very dignified transfer"

and to show respect for Colonel Gadhafi

and his authority. "Apart from living with the sanctions for seven years, no

country likes to he treated as an out-cast," Mr. Annan said. "I think Libya

wanted to get back into the international

Mr. Clinton said he was "gratified"

to hear that the suspects had arrived in

the Netherlands, news agencies report-

ed. "But most important," he added,

"today is a day to remember the men and

women who lost their lives on Pan Am

103. I know their loved ones have

suffered greatly. They, too, have labored

hard to bring justice."

Clinton Praises the Families

Mr. Corell and Mr. Annan were care-

the suspects are found guilty.

community.

'What has been achieved by the

Scottish police and prison officers.

range shoulder-fired missiles.

A Kosovo refugee carrying diapers distributed by British soldiers at a refugee camp in Macedonia on Monday. posed to the elements.

## NATO: Clinton Pledges to 'Persist Until We Prevail' on Kosovo

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Mr. Clinton said the advisers all realized the limitations of an air campaign. "In the eod," he added, "everyone agreed that of a hunch of bad options, our pilots wearing army green.

And while the long-range U.S. Army rockets may not be in Kosovo, their NATO's word, to keep our NATO allies

huddled along the muddy borders of Kosovo, as NATO pursued both a hu-

liam Carter 3d, a retired chief of staff of southern NATO forces who helped discret the allied operation in Bosnia.

Senior congressional officials echoed

NATO pulseta variable manitarian airliam titensified raids against Serbian military targets.

With improved weather, NATO bombs and missiles hit barracks, bridges and an air force headquarters inside Ser-

One official told reporters that "very direct results" would be coming very

hinted later in the day that they expected

U.S. spokesmeo said that there were "indications" that in coming days Mr. Milosevic, having so devastated and displaced the ethnic Albanians, might seek a cease-fire arrangement to cement the

Joe Lockhart, the White House spokesman, said that such an attempt at

half-measures and "hollow cease-fires" would oot be a surprise.

He added, however, that NATO's requirements for a cease-fire were unchanged: Mr. Milosevic must withdraw his forces from Kosovo, allow refugees to return, permit self-government, and allow a NATO peacekeeping force to enter the province.

NATO countries are simply not going to accept some phony peace deal," said James Rubin, the State Department

Asked about reports that members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had raised doubts before the NATO campaign began about the efficacy of air power alone, Mr. Lockhart would say only that the chiefs, and the president's national security advisers, had ultimately agreed that such a campaign was necessary.

Airports in Macedonia and Albania,

which are struggling to absorb most of the estimated 360,000 ethnic Albanians driven from Kosovo in the past two weeks, are being npgraded for 24-hour operations as relief supplies begin to

flow in steadily.

U.S. troops began building a tent city
on Monday for 200,000 displaced people near the Tirana airport in Albania as more helicopters moved to ferry refugees from the isolated mountains at

becoming much more aggressive."
Police officers loyal to Mr. Djukanovic

and to voice their support for Mr.

the placards that waved above a crowd

the Kosovo border.

A key goal of the refugee effort is to

## MONTENEGRO: A Chasm of Suspicion

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General Milorad Obradovic, believed to

be a nationalist hard-liner.

Any such takeover, however, would likely provoke a fight from the estimated 8,000 police in Montenegro, who are loyal to Milo Djukanovic, the young Montenegrin president who has been ning lights off.

Within minutes, peering through night-vision goggles, pilots would lock on targets identified from surveillance planes or an unmanned reconnaiseance of the crushing embrace of Mr. Milosevic, whom Mr. Djukanovic knows well as his former patron.

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that it is opposed to dictatorship in Serbia staged concerts in Belgrade, where in the but also trying to avoid a direct challenge to the Yugoslav Army. That army has heavy weapons; the local police do not. In an interview Sunday night, Mr. Djukanovic, who has told friends in Belgrade that he was not alerted by the West that NATO would bomb military fahelicopters much more vulnerable to cilines in his republic the very first night

of the air campaign, complained angrily that NATO's action had made his po-

concern that the trial would fail to implicate the person they believe is re-sponsible for the crash: Colonel

group that represents 160 American

families who lost relatives in the crash.

may lead, and we firmly believe that this will go all the way to the top of the Lihyan government — Moammar Gadhafi," he said.

They said they were leaving Libya of

their own accord because they were sure

We look for the troth wherever it

that was hy far the largest gathering in this republic since NATO bombs started to fall 12 days ago.

The bombings in Montenegro stopped after what Mr. Djukanovic described as his furious complaints to Western diplomats that NATO was destabilizing its best fixed in Younglating Heart that LIBYA: 2 Ex-Agents Turned Over for Trial best friend in Yugoslavia. He said that the absence of falling bombs and cruise Families of the victims expressed

Milosevic's war in Kosovo.

days had eased tensions only slightly. The bombing has really made a hor-Gadhafi. "If trying these two is the rible mess for this republic," said Milka porters at Camp Zeist, where the two men will be incarcerated and later stand travesty, said George Williams, prestrial.

ultimate goal of this trial, then it's a travesty, said George Williams, prestident of Victims of Pan Am Flight 103, a Tadic, general manager of Monitor, an

missiles in the republic in the past four

independent weekly. "Djukanovic was put in this horrible political situation of being bombed by his allies," he said. "It gave the nationalists and the regular people of this country who are very confused a perfect reason to say that this government does not want to defend itself from outside attacks."

At the concert, Mr. Milosevic's men Before leaving Tripoli, the two sus-pecus said they hoped to return to their families after being found innocent, tight pants writhed on stage as a singer tight pants writhed on stage as a singer led a crowd of more than 20,000 in they were sure chants about how Montenegro and Ser-(AP, Reuters) his must be united against NATO.

gradually move the massed Kosovars away from the border hillsides to more itable inland locations.

pletion. But some aid officials continued to plead with the Macedonian government to allow an expedited transfer.

Despite improvement on some fronts, NATO conceded that the plight of the massed refugees remained "precarious," and the vast majority of them were without shelter under conditions that saw temperatures below freezing. A shuttle of some refugees to the

Macedonia capital, Skopje, that was to have taken place Sunday never got star-

We have food coming in, but we need more," a Red Cross aid worker at Blace said on CNN. The situation appeared to have improved in the mountainous Albanian border town of Kukes. A spokesman for the UN World Food Program said, "We estimate that now, with the assistance of other agencies, about 80 percent of the people are get-

Early Monday, NATO bombs and missiles struck Yugoslavia's air force headquarters near Belgrade and a key army installation in the south of the country, at Nis, that caused a fire at an

ing to Yngoslav media reports.
In Podgorica, Montenegro, sources in

sition "much more difficult."

"It is hard, very hard to speak and work
for a democratic and pro-European
policy," he said. "NATO bombs have
allowed Mr. Milosevic to create a new the republican government told The Associated Press that a large column of Serbian military vehicles had been seen moving south of Belgradeon Smiday on: division in the Yngoslav political scene, a highway that would take it to either Patriots are those who support his policies, and anyone who criticizes him is a traitor. In Montenegro, pro-Milosevic forces are Montenegro or Kosovo. It included tanks, trucks and other

armored vehicles, they said.

Overnight, NATO bombed a bridge over the Ibar in the area in an apparent attempt to block the movement.

were out in force Sunday night as Mr. Milosevic's supporters pnt on a huge rock concert in the capital's central square. It an event that mimicked regimepast week Serbs have gathered to sneer at the United States and the NATO bomb-

idence that we are causing pain."

NATO was expected later Monday to approve a U.S. plan to send 24 Apache round-attack helicopters and 18 multiple rocket launchers. A source at NATO headquarters told

"We must help our Serbian brothers against the NATO attack," said one of the International Herald Tribune that, as of midafternoon, no NATO government had specifically objected to the deploy-

## UN Assails Macedonia Over Refugee Delays

By Carlotta Gall New York Times Service

BLACE, Macedonia - As conditions deteriorated for the tens of thousands of Kosovo refugees stranded on the border with Macedonia, officials from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees accused Macedonia of endangering people's lives by processing refugees

too slowly.

"Not enough are being processed, and this is going to cause problems and health hazards for those inside," Paula Ghedini, press officer for the UN agency, said at a news conference in Skopje, the Macedonian capital.

People were dying at a rate of 10 per day, she said, adding that the rate would increase if the refugees remained ex-

Macedonian authorities were registering 5,000 refugees a day, Mrs. Ghedini said. 'That is not enough.'
"We have to get them ont of the mud," she added. 'It is extremely cold,

it has been raining quite a lot; people are weakened, fatigued and in a state of NATO reported that 200 tons of food shock." Macedonia has been flooded and medicine had been transferred to the border town of Blace in Macedonia and that four tent cities were nearing completion. But some aid officials continued shock. Macedonia has been inducted with 136,000 refugees, most of them arriving in the past few days. The UN refugee agency estimates that about 65,000 Kosovar Albanians are stuck on the border at Blace.

Blocked by Macedonian police and amy troops from entering the country, they are camping on a muddy hillside in a sort of no man's land beside the border post. A further 30,000 people are thought to be on the other side of the border in Kosovo.

A trail of cars stretches back for miles along the road where people have been waiting nearly a week to cross the border. At least one more train arrived Mon-day morning from Pristina, carrying some of the 5,000 people who had ar-rived in the previous 24 hours. The latest arrivals have come on foot

from the towns of Urosevac and Vucitm in northern Kosovo, fleeing Serbian forces and police who had ordered them out at gunpoint.

One official of the refugee agency, who asked not to be named, said the

Macedonian authorities were delaying the processing of refugees through immigration intentionally.

"They do not want to move people into Macedonia; that is incredibly clear," the official said. "They do not

adjacent tohacco factory.

An airfield near Pristina, the capital of like Albanians at all, and that feeling is Kosovo Province, was also hit, accordincedibly widespread among the popincredibly widespread among the population in Macedonia."

Foreign aid organizations are provid-ing the food and supplies, and NATO and the UN refugee agency are together setting up camps to take the refugees elsewhere in Macadonia, yet the are

refugees through, the official said.

"We have the experience and ability to process 20.000 refugees in one day, but they do not want us do it," the official said.

"SBS Centre Will 154 me de official said.

Government officials have said the A NATO spokesman, Air Cominflux of refugees threatens Macedomodore David Wilby, said the attacks mia's economic and political stability. had been "ramped up" and, without They have also expressed anxiety about details, declared, "We are seeing ev the immediate security of the border region and have brought in extra troops and police to secure the area.

But many Macedonian citizens, including some policemen on the border, acknowledged the policy was a result of their general antipathy for the ethnic Albanians who make up the bulk of the

refugees.
"Why don't your countries take them?" asked one young policeman,

cradling au antomatic weapon as he guarded the road at the camp. "We don't want them."

Macedonians are nervous that an influx of Albanians will upset the cour try's ethnic balance. Albanians already make up an estimated 20; percent of the. population, while Macedonians, who generally sympathize with neighboring-Serbia in the current conflict with. NATO, make up some 45 percent.

The Macedonian government's blocking of the refugees from Kosovo is also clearly aimed at forcing the international community to take in a large-

Willosevice. part of the refugees.

By Monday morning European countries had pledged to take in some 36,000 refugees, Mrs. Ghedini said. But meanwhile the refugees should be given immediate help in Macedonia, she said.

## **Major Relief Groups** Aiding the Refugees

A large number of relief organizations are directly and indirectly seeking help refugees from Kosovo. Updates of many of their activities are at the following sites on the World Wide Web:

http://www.unhcr.ch/youhelp/ kosovo.html (Operated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and gives regional addresses for donations.)

http://www.interaction.org/kosovo/detail.html (Provides brief descriptions of activities being undertaken by InterAction members to assist refugees from Kosovo.)

http://www.interaction.org/kosovo/ index.html (Gives addresses for U.S.-based organizations affiliated with InterAction, a coalition of more than 160 private relief, development and refugee assistance agencies that have agreed to abide by a set of standards to ensure

accountability to donors.)
http://www.reliefweb.int/library/ contacts/dirhomepage.html (Operated by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs).

Among the most active groups in Kosovo are: CARE International Secretariat Boulevard du Regent, 58/10; B-1000 Brussels, Belgium Tel: 32-2-502-43-33

Oxfam; 274 Banbury Road Oxford OX2 7DZ Tel: 44 4865 311 311

United Nations High Commissioner

Centre William Rappard 154, me de Laussane 1202 Geneva D7-100.000.0 Switzerland Tel: 41 22 739 8111

Medecins Sans Frontieres International Office 39. Rue de la Tourelle B-1040 Brussels, Belgium Tel: 32 2 280 18 81

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## INDONESIA: Voters Sign Up Amid Unrest and Fear of Partiality

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last general elections, in 1997, even though those polls were tightly con-

trolled by the authorities. 'We all know that clashes are likely to happen if crowds gather," said Eep Saefulloh Fatah, a political scientist at the University of Indonesia.

The elections are seen as essential for establishing a legitimate government in Indonesia. The first of as many as 128 million eligible voters registered Monday for the parliamentary voting to be held June 7, the first elections since riots and street protests forced former President Suharto to resign last May. He handed power over to Mr. Habibie, his

protégé and vice president. Mr. Habibie has surprised many of his critics by taking steps to dismantle the authoritarian system that Mr. Suharto had used to govern Indonesia for more than three decades. Under his rule there has been better protection of human rights, civil liberties and political freedom. But foreign diplomats and Indonesian

political analysts worry that the country lacks the credible institutious needed to ensure that the rules and results of the elections will be respected. Mr. Habibie appointed the new elec-

tions commission, saying that it would be independent of the government. The body has only five government representatives, compared with 48 from the contesting political parties. The commission recently decided that

officials of the central government, including cabinet ministers, as well as those holding provincial and local posts, would have to resign if they wanted to campaign for a political party. Since Mr. Habibie and most of his

ministers are members of the governing Golkar party, and all officials and their families had to support and vote for Golkar under Mr. Suharto, opposition politicians and many voters feared that they would continue to use the resources of their office to help the party.

Mr. Habihie, after saying that only five of his 36 cabinet ministers and the attorney general would be barred from campaigning, asked the Supreme Court in the hospital Monday for treatment for to review that decision. Last week, the a lung infection, dismissed the popular Chandra said.

He has yet to announce what he will

do, although Marzuki Darusman, a ment not to do just that. It would be as Golkar official, said he believed it would opportunity to prove their integrity, honhelp if cabinet ministers were allowed to take leaves of absence to campaign. Analysts said Mr. Habibie would have

to weigh his desire to bolster his low ratings in public-opinion surveys against his wish to sustain Golkar support and have it choose him as its candidate for the presidential election in November. At present, he is only one of five potential

candidates named by the party.
Soedjati Djiwandono, an Indonesian political scientist, said: "If cabinet min-

court decided that Mr. Habibie had the authority to make the final decision on the issue.

really do not intend to make use of the state's facilities in their campaign activities, it is hard to understand why they would object to an expressed commitesty and sincerity to ensure a fair elec-

> Many Indonesians have also condi-demned what they say is a double stair dard by the election commission, which ruled last month that its own members were free to campaign for their political parties and run for Parliament.

As a result, the commission members. will "face a conflict of interest because" they would be both referees and players political scientist, said: "If cabinet min-isters and other government officials larangeng, a commission member.

## MALAYSIA: Uphill Battle for New Party

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The launching of the party, for example, received scant treatment in newspapers Monday, despite the thousands of people who attended.

Perhaps the higgest potential weakness of the opposition movement comes from within. The new party is meant to serve as a bridge between two groups at opposite ends of the political spectrum: a secular, urban-based Chinese party and a rural, Muslim party that says it would like to transform multiethnic Malaysia into a Muslim state.

With such diverse partners, the new party may find it difficult to build a common platform, something noticeably absent from the inauguration Sunday. The party sent out a message of broad

themes: justice and reform. Perhaps the group's most unifying factor is its strong opposition to Mr. Mahathir. This election will be a referendum on Mahathir," says Jomo K.S., a pro-fessor at the University of Malaya.

What Anwar is trying to tell the Malay electorate is that the choice here is between him and Mahathir."

Mr. Anwar last year as deputy prime to minister and as his probable successor, a leading to a political crisis and wide-d! spread disaffection among the Malays.

the country's largest ethnic group. Total Analysts say that Mr. Mahathi whose standing in his party was broyed by a victory in a state election last month? might be tempted to call elections before the new opposition party has a chance to organize itself.

The most important thing now is not? the state of the economy, it's the state of the opposition," said Abdul Razak Abarra dullah Baginda, executive director of the Malaysian Strategic Research Center: in "If the opposition is in disarray, that's." the time to call elections."

One wild card for Mr. Mahathir and it his allies might be the April 14 verdict its? Mr. Anwar's trial - and the public's reaction to the ruling. Mr. Anwar is all accused of ordering police officers to cover up allegations of sexual indiscretion. He faces 14 years in jail or and 20,000 ringgit (\$5,260) fine, or both. each of the four counts against him.

Mr. Anwar and his allies have little

hope that he will be acquitted.

'I think most Malaysians think the? outcome is a foregone conclusion." Mr. x12

## U.S. Shifts Planes to Europe, Slowing Air Action in Iraq

Yugoslavia, officials said.

Among the planes joining the intensifying conflict with Yugoslavia are Navy EA-6B Prowlers, which are though allied planes are continuing electronic-warfare planes designed both to jam and to attack air-defense radars, and refueling aircraft, according to defense officials who discussed

identified. flight zone over northern frag have not

against Yugoslavia. Not coincidentally, U.S. officials in the Pacific.

fighters attacked a surface-to-air missile battery and two unspecified comand there was an attack Friday.

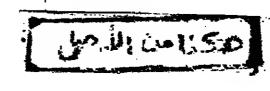
the matter on the condition they not be munications sites south of Baghdad,

As a result, the U.S. and British fighter aircraft used to enforce a no- put a squeeze on U.S. naval resources. flown since March 20, four days be- the allied forces in the Adriatic, but fore the North Atlantic Treaty Or- that has forced the Pentagon to shift

have reported no Iraqi violations of the WASHINGTON - The Pentagon flight ban in that period, and the alhas diverted important parts of the most daily U.S. and British attacks on U.S. air fleet charged with monitoring Iraqi air defense sites in the north have most daily U.S. and British attacks on northern Iraq to Europe to sustain its stopped. Air Force F-15E attack role in allied air strikes against planes conducted the last attack in northern Iraq on March 16.

On Sunday, American and British

The air war in Yugoslavia has also An aircraft carrier is being added to ganization began the air strikes the Kitty Hawk carrier battle group in Japan to the Guif, leaving a carrier gap





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# Reports of Mass Executions Pile Up

# Kosovars Who Fled Give Similar Accounts of Massacres by Serbs

By John Kifner New York Times Service

KUKES, Albania — There are mounting reports that Serb forces have killed hundreds of people — many in mass executions — in their nine-day drive to purge Kosovo province of its ethnic Albanian majority.

While the major thrust of the Serbian campaign, which has been stunningly successful, has been to force out the Albanians in terror, there have been repeated accounts by the haggard refugees of people being shot by masked gummen arclose range as well as being hit by tank or artillery fire, or in one case, aerial bombing.

gene O'Sullivan, chief or use zation for Cooperation and Security in Europe observer team, which is monitoring the refugee crisis at the border. Indeed the reports of killing have been so frequent, and so repetitive in their detail, he said, that his group has brought in 60 specially trained investigators from Geneva and other areas to interview refugees and keep records for any possible future war crimes trial.

There have been a number of over lapping accounts given by refugees a widely scattered places and times to foreign journalists and humanitaris workers of a massacre of roughly 10 of people being shot by masked gummen arclose range as well as being hit by tank or artillery fire, or in one case, aerial bombing.

There have been a number of overlapping accounts given by refugees at days.

Sor widely scattered places and times to Lat foreign journalists and humanitarian burner.

The dead will probably number at people gathered together in the adjacent least in the "high hundreds," said Envillages of Kruse-E-Vogel and Kruse-E-gene O'Sullivan, chief of the Organi-Madhe and executed with automatic

so frequent, and so repetitive in their sobbing people stretching about 65 kidetail, he said, that his group has brought lometers (40 miles) back into Serbia. By in 60 specially trained investigators. Monday morning, 19,246 people had from Geneva and other areas to inter-crossed the border, in addition to the

Late Sunday afternoon, a badly burned 6-year-old boy, Breni Caka, crossed the border. He said he had been hiding with his family in the basement of their home in the city of Dakovica when the Serbs torched the building, burning 18 people alive.
What is striking about the lines of

weapons fire. Some bodies were later

Monday with the long miserable lines of

188,036 who had passed over the Merini

Some had been walking for seven

crossing by the end of Sunday.

The refugee flow continued unabated

burned, according to the accounts.

refugees is that they are largely women, children and old men. The young men, they say, are either hiding in the moun-tains or have been separated out by the Serbs and taken away.

While there is no way m independently verify the accounts of killings foreign journalists have been expelled from Kosovo — their similarity sug-gested they were credible. Earlier Serbian efforts to "ethnically cleanse" parts of Bosnia of Moslems were ac-

companied by numerous massacres.
"When you keep hearing the same story over and over from different sources, you have to lend some cresaid Dorian Vienneau, a member of the European security observer team. "The sheer volume of reports leaves me to believe this is going on."

A described a massacre in the nearby villages of Kruse-E-Vogel and Kruse-E-Madhe which lie south of the major town of The BBC received an amateur video-

tape said to be have been shot in Kruse-E-Madhe running I minute and 42 seconds that shows the crumpled bodies of several young men lying on the ground who appear to have been shot in the head or throat. Two of the bodies were charred and burned.

A 55-year-old woman, Naxhije Zymi, who said 10 of her brothers had been killed, gave the following account of what had happened in Kruse-E-Vogel: "On Friday, the police came early in the morning. They executed almost 100

people. They killed them all, men, women and children. They set a fire and threw the bodies in the fire and put car tires on the fire." Her account was similar to others

given to foreign reporters and organization and security observers. These ac- have on access to anything but officially counts describe people being gathered, sanctioned information about the war, near a mosque and being moved down. "It is classic Goebbels-esque propa-Another refugee, Enver Muharremia; ganda," said an official of the intermld organization and security observers national agency administering the Bosthat in Kruse-E-Vogel he had seen a nian peace settlement here, equating the truck with about 20 bodies driven to a Yogoslav information policy on the nearby river and dumped out on a bank. NATO air strikes with that of Joseph The bodies were then set on fire, he Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief.



An ethnic Albanian refugee child from Pristina peering out from a truck Monday after entering Albania near the northern village of Morina.

## Belgrade Keeps Control Of Cross-Border Media

By R. Jeffrey Smith

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina-Strict media controls by the Yugoslav government are severely limiting information on the Kosovo conflict available to Serbs living in Bosnia's Serb republic, as well as to their ethnic brethren across the border in Serbia proper.

Television and newspaper reports have prominently featured public demonstrations and angry comments by Serbian civilians opposed to NATO policy.

But they rarely show ethnic Albanian refugees fleeing the Serbian province of Kosovo for fear of attack by troops and paramilitary police, and when the refugees are mentioned, media reports say their plight is the result of NATO

Since NATO first threatened to attack Yngoslav military targets last October. President Slobodan Milosevic of Yngoslavia has cracked down on independent media, closing at least four major newspapers and a half-dozen or more independent broadcast outlets in Serbia. Thuse he allowed to stay open have been threatened with large fines if they questinn the government's official policy or "security interests."

Last week, the police confiscated a transmitter owned by the sole independent radio station in Belgrade, B92. They also telephoned many of the station's reporters at home and threatened to harm them if they continued working, sources

As a result, the vast majority of Serbs

The Yugoslav broadcasts have been

retransmitted here by the government of the Bosnian Serb republic. The Western official, who asked not

to be identified, said the reports were helping to whip up public sentiment against the West not only in Serbia but also in the Serb republic in Bosnia. which has been governed under international supervision since the end of the Bosnian war in 1995.

The NATO force in Bosnia is "very concerned about the quality of some media reports" in the Serbian republic, said Lieutenant Colonel David Scanlon. the force spokesman.

An address by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the Serbian people, translated into Serbian, appeared on Bosnian Serb television "only under direct order" of Bosnia's international administratioo, according to a report from that agency.

### A Kosovar Leader Seeks Bombing Halt

Agence France-Presse PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — The moderate Kosovar leader Ibrahim Rugova said Monday that bombing "should be halted" in Yugoslavia, He also urged Belgrade to be "more cooperative with the international community.

Mr. Rugova spoke with reporters after meeting with the Russian ambassador to Belgrade, Yuri Kotov, in his house in Pristina, capital of Kosovo Province. He has been reported to be under house arrest

"There should be an end to the situation in Kosovo, the bombing should be stopped and monitoring put in," he said. Asked whether be actually met with President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia in Belgrade on Thursday, a meeting whose authenticity has been quesconed, Mr. Rugova said: "This is

speculation. I was in Belgrade."

#### BRIEFLY

### **Explosives Found** By French Police

BAYONNE, France - French investigators have uncovered more than 100 kilograms of explosives in a search for an ETA arms cache, the police in Bayonne said Monday.

The police found the explosives Sunday after receiving a call from a resident complaining that a man was wandering about armed with a pistol. The man told the police he found

the weapon in a nearby garage.

The Spanish daily ABC reported Sunday that the group had bought \$500 million worth of arms on the black market several months ago and that French and Spanish police were seeking a big ETA cache. (AFP)

#### Georgia Threatens To Scrap CIS Pact

TBILISI, Georgia — President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia said Monday his country might end its security cooperation with the Commonwealth of Independent States, a loose grouping of former Soviet states.

"We will not prolong our par-ticipation in this treaty if it is not adjusted to our conditions and demands," Mr. Shevardnadze said at a news conference. He said the security treaty had not been of any use so far. Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan have also said they will leave the security treaty.

### Ukraine Might Sell Weapons to Egypt

KIEV - Ukraine is expected to offer Egypt its modernized version of the Soviet-era Shilka self-propelled anti-aircraft system this year, the official press agency, DINAU, said Monday.

The agency quoted a statement from the Ukrainian Ministry of Industrial Policy as saying that Egypt was planning to announce an in-ternational tender to modernize its 150 Soviet-made Shilkas, and that Ukrainian companies were plan-ning to take part. (Reuters)

#### New Chief Named For Russian Force

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin appointed a new commander Monday to lead Russian Interior Ministry troops, the ministry said. Ovchinnikov, 53, replaces Pavel Maslov, who resigned Friday as head of the 250,000-stroog member military force. General Ovchinnikov also becomes a deputy in-

Majority-Albanian Areas

## Should Milosevic Go?

## U.S. and NATO Warm to Idea of Ouster

By Dana Priest Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - U.S. officials say that support is growing in the Clinton administration and among its NATO allies for expanding the objectives of the air war against Yngoslavia m include the ouster of President Slobodan Milosevic.

.. Having witnessed a startling onslaught by Yugoslav forces against Kosovo's ethnic Albanians and a sea of hungry and shivering refugees stranded at the borders, NATO political leaders have grown resistant to entering into a political settlement with the man ultimately responsible for those atrocities, the officials said.

. The idea of removing Mr. Milosevic from power has been discussed among President Bill Clinton's top national security advisers and was on the agenda Friday for a preliminary discussion with Mr. Clinton, administration officials said. It has also been a subject of conversation in the fiveway phone conference call that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has each day with her counterparts in Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

Adding Mr. Milosevic's removal as

a condition for stopping the war could have far-reaching military implications, but there is no sign that these have been scriously examined. At the very least it would require a more concentrated effort at circumventing the state-controlled media to appeal directly to the Yugoslav people, of-

grade air war against Baghdad and

cisions had been made and no form- to encourage a popular uprising.

alized strategies for ousting Mr. Mi-losevic had been developed, although ideas have been outlined. Nevertheless, Mrs. Albright revealed the growing mood against having to treat Mr. Milosevic as a head of state Sunday on the NBC television show "Meet the

Having demonized Mr. Milosevic as a modern-day Hitler, she was asked. could she ever again negotiate with

"I think that this is increasingly the question," she replied. "I suppose the possibility always is that we will have to deal with him.

But the bottom line," she added, is "more and more people are asking that question: Is it going to be possible m deal with somebody that is behind all this? And that is something that we are focusing on." Several other prominent U.S. and

NATO leaders voiced similar feelings, as did members of Congress.

of Congress.

Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping of Germany expressed the feeling of some of his North Atlantic Treaty Organization colleagues when he told German television, "In my eyes he belongs before the human rights court in the Hague, not at a negotiating table." He suggested in another interview that Mr. Milosevic "shouldn't have the feeling that he can murder have the feeling that he can murder people in Kosovo but remain unmolested himself."

The U.S. ambassador to Macedonia. Christopher Hill, told Fox News: ""We need to do something about his regime. We need to make it clear that Although the administration to we will not let them get away with cently added "regime change" as at changing the ethnic, map of the Bal-

Some options circulating for preother plans to promote an Iraqi op- liminary discussion in the adminisposition have yet to produce any tan-tration include working with Yugoslav Army dissidents in the Officials pointed out that no de- hopes of instigating a coup or working

## 'KOSOVO: In Milosevic's Strategy, Raising the Balkan Specter of a Greater Albania

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Kosovo with Serbs, according in NATO officials, who said that Belgrade would bus in Serbs who were ousted in the early 1990s from their homes in Krajina and eastern Slavonia in the fighting accompanying Yngoslavia's collapse.

The explosive trigger of a wider Serbian-Albanian confrontation is the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia - "the powder-keg of the Balkans" that has ignited conflicts over the centuries that ended with World War L A coveted regional intersection, it remains a potential prize in a four-sided tng-of-war among Greece and Serbia and their Muslim neighbors, Bulgaria and Albania.

Macedonia's ethnic patchwork includes a Serbian majority and an ethnic Albanian minority estimated at 25 percent to 40 percent, already concentrated mear the Kosovo frontier where the Al-banian refugees have gathered. The influx has created a dire predicament for President Koro Gligorov of Macedonia. 80, a former Communist, amid mounting panic in the ruling Serbian majority about a potential tilt in the country's ethnic equilibrium.

If Macedonia starts collapsing amid internal conflict, the position of NATO forces there, currently 12,000 troops waiting for peacekeeping drives in Kosovo, would be untenable, Western

officials said. Greece, Macedonia's biggest neighbor, would almost certainly be sucked in, crossing Macedonia's southern border in a bid to grab its share of territory and the pro-Greek population.

Athens reluctantly recognized Macedonia's independence five years agowhen the republic was carved out of the former Yugoslavia. Only strong U.S. pressure overcame Greek hopes of controlling its land gateway to Europe.

And Greece has been fending with Albania, with incidents sometimes approaching the boiling point.

The hypothetical situation could play out as follows: Bulgaria would come to the rescue of the Bulgar minority in Macedonia, confronting the Greek push. At that point, Turkey could not stand aside because the Turkish armed forces, struggling to fend off Islamic fundamentalism, would have to back Bulgaria and Albania, officially secular but his-

torically Muslim countries. The crisis between Greece and Turkey would wedge apart the alliance's southem flank, weakening NATO's ability to project stability into the eastern Medi-Pranean and protect Western interests. Similarly, Montenegro, Serbia's junior partner in the federation, could be tar-

Germany, according to National Security Council officials in Washington. If Mr. Milosevic's surrogates gained control, they would drive out Montenegro's ethnic Albanian minority, increasing pressure on Macedonia and Albania.
In effect, Mr. Milosevic, in hammer-

ing out his Serbia, including parts of Kosovo and Macedonia, would also raise fears and possibly the reality of Greater Albania as the rallying cry of increasingly desperate Albanian-speak-

Evoking that outcome, John Meersheimer, a Europe expert at the University of Chicago, said that the West could welcome a Greater Albania as a pro-Western bastion - and perhaps the lannching pad of future operations against Mr. Milosevic's Serbia.

A darker reading came from other analysts, who agreed that Mr. Milosevic was exploiting fears of a Greater Albania in an effort to destabilize neighboring countries but warned that his success would shatter the West's position in the Balkans. In a regional realignment, Serbia would emerge in an unofficial alliance with Greece, a tandem backed by Russia, according to Stratfor, the U.S.

arrategic consultant group.

The key to the lives of the Kosovars, the U.S. analysts wrote last week, lies 'in Belgrade and Moscow: Serbia wants guarantees of a unified, sovereign naion, Russia wants a sphere of influence." In other words, they said, the Kosovo issue masks a wider potential drive by Serbia, Greece and Russia, cemented by their Onthodox heritage, to oppose U.S. global authority, a drive that could attract support from China and Iraq if it succeeded in the Balkans.

Using Albanians as the threat capable of creating this anti-American alliance may seem irrational in the light of the situation of Albania, Europe's poorest economy whose gross national product is smaller than the \$2.2 billion price of a

B-2 bomber. Albania's weakness actually deepens the fragility of the southern Balkans, complicating NATO's efforts to stay on solid ground in opposing Serbia, Balkan experts said. The combination of poverty and galloping birthrates among Albanians could produce a diaspora of refugees festering on Kosovo's borders. breeding insecurity in the way that Palestinian refugees undermined stability in

Israel and the surrounding Arab states. The unspoken proportions of the Albanism issue help to explain some often-baffling features of the Kosovo war, incloding the apparently wanton Serbian ferocity in emptying Kosovo and Western insistence on preserving Kosovo as the homeland for its etimic Albanians.

partner in the recension, country the pro-Western government helped into the pro-Western government helped into power last year by the United States and strategy, centered on the Albaman questions. Understanding Mr. Milosevic's

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French policymaker recalled this week. threat of Albanian nationalism. But his baffling, suicidal-seeming stance was part of a strategy in which Serbia hammered itself into shape on the anvil

of fears of Albanian nationalism. in this calculation, Serbia would possibly being courted for help against the threat of Greater Albania that Mr. Mi-

losevic played the major role in creating.

Tensions around the Albanian question could also change Western attitudes toward Kosovo's independence, U.S. officials said. Until now, conventional wisdom has held that recognizing Kosovn would alarm governments in the region

as a step toward Greater Albania. That view is being reconsidered, they said, as Serbian ferocity has made it increasingly unthinkable for ethnic Albanians to return under even nominal Serbian sovereignty. If that perception takes hold, immediate recognition of Kosovo's independence could help convince people in the region that the Kosovar Albanians are going home - and not staying in the region as ethnic tinder.

British leaders have insisted strongly that the Kosovo refugees must go home a point echoed by Paris in resisting would, in fact, only be Mr. Milosevic calls in offer even temporary asylum.
Similarly, German officials said, profiting from the specter he created.

tion, explains why he was so impervious Kosovo cannot be partitioned. That to international pressure. "He only had would push a rump Kosovo-Albania to give an inch, at Rambouillet or later in merger and fulfill Mr. Milosevic's sce-Paris, to be spared the NATO attacks," a nario of a consolidated Serbia facing the

> Superficially, this scenario sounds similar to the "domino theory" used, and discredited, during the Vietnam War. This facile image proved faulty when

Marxist ideology proved less powerful emerge as the bulwark of Europe against than individual countries' differing na-Balkan turbulence, with Mr. Milosevic tional identities. But in the Balkans. many borders are recent and often demarcate historically unstable territories disputed by the ethnic groups that coexist in and around each country. Long a latent problem, the threat of

> as a destabilizing pressure at the dismemberment of Yugoslavia, a mini-empire of races, languages and religious held together with dictatorial communism that stifled any chance of learning Western-style pluralism. The last avatar of Serbian nationalism that survived the interlude of Marshal

Albanian nationalism burst into the opeo

Tito's Yugoslavia, Mr. Milosevic ap-parently thinks that the West might finally be forced to recognize what seems to be his mythic view of Serbia: a rampart of Christendom against the bordes of the Muslim East. Resembling Western prophecies of a clash of civilizations as the threat to peace in the post-Cold War world, it

Pre-Kosovo conflict demographics ROMANIA" YUGOSLAVIA Kosovo SERBIA KOSOVO MONTENEGRO MACEDONIA Macedonia 🦠 🗯 ALBANIA pop. 2.3 million GREECE To Marie 100 pe, CIA World Fed Book, Liberation

## Loved and Hated, Kurdish TV May Be Turned Off

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

LONDON — Every night in the turbuleut Kurdish provinces of eastern Turkey, thousands of families gather before their television sets to watch Med-TV, the world's only Kurdish-language station.

Many Kurds say they enjoy the station's mix of news, entertainment and political commentary. But the Torkish authorities say it is fomenting terror, and in a case that crystallizes the Kurdish conflict they are waging an intense campaign to have it shut down. Their campaign may be on the verge of success.

Officials in Britain, from which the station broadcasts, have suspended the station's license and are expected to decide this month whether to shut it permanently. Turkish leaders say that closing the station will helpend the Kurdish insurgency, which has cost more than 30,000 lives over the past 14 years. Station

managers say it will be a step toward destroying Kurdish identity. Although the station claims 16 million viewers in 70 countries, its greatest impact is probably in easiern Thirtiey. That region has been convulsed by separatist

people distinct from Turks is inherently subversive.

this climate, the very existence of Med-TV is a

symbol of defiance. Med-TV has regularly featured leaders of the rebel Kurdistan Workers Party, including Abdullah Ocalan, the party's top leader, who was captured by Turkish agents in February and faces a trial that could

lead to his execution. After his capture, several of his supporters appeared on the station and urged Kords everywhere to attack Turkish targets. This led the Independent Television Commission,

which regulates British-based broadcasters, to suspend Med-TV's license for three weeks beginning March 22 "Med-TV carried programs which included ma-

said Guy Phelps, a spokesman for the television commission. He said the commission had intervened at the station previously because of "problems with impartiality."

The director of Med-TV is Hikmet Tabak, a Kurd none of the injured was in critical condition.

war, and the Turkish authorities maintain that anything from eastern Turkey who was imprisoned at age 18 for that encourages Kurds to think of themselves as a separatist activities and speot 11 years in Turkish iails. In an interview, Mr. Tabak acknowledged that the Most Kurdish organizations are banned in Turkey. station had broadcast appeals for anti-Turkish vi-There are no Kurdish schools or language courses. In olence. But he said he regretted the broadcasts and had fired the employees responsible for them.

Mr. Tabak said Workers Party rebels did not finance Med-TV directly but encouraged their supporters in Europe to make the donations that have

been the broadcaster's main source of income. "This station has consistently instigated and encouraged terror," said a senior Turkish official who requested anonymity. "Lately it has gone a step further and named certain categories of civilians and public officials to be killed. This is a crime anywhere in the world."

#### ■ Bomb Attack Kills 2 in Turkey

Two people died and 12 were injured Monday in a suicide bomb attack that security officials said had been aimed at a Turkish governor, Agence France-Presse reported from Diyarbakir, Turkey. The bomber and a teenage girl were killed. The governor. Su-leyman Kamci of Bingol Province, was unhurt, and

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## Zhu and the United States

Clinton administration has let its pursnit of diplomatic engagement with : China take precedence over other important American interests, like dei fending human rights and protecting sensitive military secrets. The visit this week of China's prime minister, Zhu Rongii, should be used to encourage a

more exacting approach.
The timing of Mr. Zhu's visit, which begins Tuesday in Los Angeles and moves on to Washingtoo later in the week, should be conducive to a sober exchange of views.

China strongly opposes NATO's air strikes on Serbia. Washington is challenging Beijing's human rights record at United Nations meetings in Geneva. Meanwhile, efforts to finalize agreement on China's admission to the World Trade Organization, ooce planned as the visit's centerpiece, have hit a snag over Beijing's reluctance to open some of its markets.

The Clinton administration should use the Washington segment of the trip for a candid discussion of current differences. The White House ought to - make clear that its actions in Geneva come in response to Beijing's crackdown on dissent, which began after President Bill Clinton visited China

last summer.
The administration should explain American policy on Kosovo and dispel Chinese fears that a precedent is being set for future international military intervention in Tibet or other Chinese regions troubled by ethnic strife, Mr.

Ton often in the past six years, the Zhu, as China's most powerful economic official, might be able to help bridge the remaining differences over Chinese membership in the WTO.

Mr. Zhu has established himself as China's most powerful economic reformer, guiding programs to sell off or close down money-losing state companies, shrink government ministries and divest the army of its business empire. These reforms have been slowed by the Asian economic crisis, but Mr. Zhu seems determined to see them through. He has also been a relatively moderate voice on political issues, though his interest and his influence in this area are not as great.

But whatever his personal inclinations, Mr. Zhu is part of a Chinese leadership that suppresses peaceful political expression and worries some of its neighbors with its belligerent rhetoric and provocative military activines. China's government is also suspected of stealing America's nnclear weapons secrets and illegally funneling money into the 1996 Democratic presidential campaign. The administration must clearly convey strong American coocerns about all of

Mr. Zhu is a lively and articulate personality, far more at ease with Western audiences than other Chinese leaders. He has a well-earned reputation for speaking clearly, without diplomatic evasion. Administration officials who meet with him should be equally direct.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## **Press China on Rights**

Despite the rocky state of U.S.-China relations, Prime Minister Zhu Rongji has decided to visit Washington this week as scheduled. Good; it is important for officials of both countries to establish and maintain contact, But such exchanges should be based on realistic expectations. Relations are rocky in part because the Clinton administration invested too much in its hopes for a "strategic constructive partnership" with China and then — to justify its · inflated expectations — claimed more success than it had achieved. Mr. Zhu's visit offers a good opportunity to return to more solid ground.

Human rights provides one vivid example. The administration claimed last year that President Bill Clinton's visit to China had done much to advance the cause of political freedom, But China's rulers followed the meeting with a vicious crackdown on expression and dissent. People who sought to organize an alternative to the Communist Party received long jail terms. Others were imprisoned simply for providing e-mail addresses to pro-democracy newsletters. Publications offering the mildest sorts of criticism were shut down.

The administration responded to this crackdown, and to congressional pressure, hy promising to sponsor a resolution condemning China's human in Geneva this month. This is a welcome reversal of last year's retreat, but it is not enough. Mr. Clinton should use the oc-casion of Mr. Zhu's visit to press China to ratify the human-rights covenants it has signed; to release thousands of people imprisoned for their political goes home happy. views or religious beliefs, including

hundreds still in jail for taking part in the protests around Tiananmen Square; and to ease the repression against labor organizers, minorities and churches.

In the weeks leading up to the visit officials have been negotiating hard to find mutually acceptable terms for China's entry into the World Trade Organization. In principle, it would be to everyone's advantage to have China included in the body that sets rules for international trade. China already has a clear shot at the U.S. market; improved U.S. access to China's market would be welcome. But given its too-trusting attitude in the past, the administration will have to overcome substantial doubts if it says it has negotiated a tough pact. New reports that Chinese government funds wound up in Mr. Clinton's 1996 presidential campaign, as yet unconfirmed, only stoke the suspicion. And with no free press, independent judiciary or impartial law, China faces a heavy hurden in convincing the world that free-mar-

ket rules can be enforced there. In these and other issues, the key is to remember where U.S. interest lies. Too often, Mr. Clinton has seemed to consider friendly relations with China's leaders a success in itself. But America's natural allies in the region are democracies — Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and the rest. And its allies inside rights record at a United Nations forum China are those pushing for democracy, such as Bao Tong, who recently called the regime's Tiananmen crackdown "a shame upon humanity." The test of a successful summit will be how well it advances the cause of Bao Tong and his associates, not whether Mr. Zhu

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Democracies Are Weak When Confronting Dictators

NEW YORK — Democracies have always had difficulty when they confront dictators. Dictators do not behave rationally. They impose self-defeating policies on their own countries. They lead them into disastrous wars against others. And they do not even pursue their own ends to best effect.

Stalin decapitated his officer corps in the years before World War II. Hitler diverted vital resources to the genocidal destruction of people who might have served the German war effort.

Faced with such men, democratic leaders helplessly apply their own cri-teria of political logic. Surely a dictator who is leading his people into an abyss must be vulnerable to public opinion, if only we can pressure him effectively. There must be something he wants. So fascism was born of a humiliating peace treaty? Then revise the treaty, and the

fascist dictator will be appeased, right?

And if he is not, local and international public opinion will turn against him. (We ignore that in well-run dictatorships there is no public opinion.)

Forgetting this, we sometimes use the stated intentions of dictators against them while rallying world opinion. But to what end? Wheo Stalin engineered the worldwide peace movement in the early 1950s, or Slobodan Milosevic promises to allow ''peace-loving'' Al-banian refugees to return, it is our own intentions and our own public opinion that these dictators are reflecting and manipulating. It is democratic leaders, and the people who elected them, who crave peace, who do not want "to die for Danzig" (as the French fascist politician Marcel Déat craftily sugges-ted on the eve of World War II).

Dictators make war not because they have failed to meet their objectives by peaceful means. War - whether against foreign nations or against their own citizenry — is their primary objective. The incomprehension of democranic nations is especially apparent when By Tony Judt

they are faced with small, weak dictators. Whereas Stalin and Mussolini recognized real-world constraints and preferred hluff to action whenever possible, the same does not hold for their modern micro-successors. Shortly after the start of the NATO bombing of Yngoslavia, an official at the U.S. Na-

tional Security Council spoke of mak-

ing Slobodan Milosevic pay an un-acceptable price for his behavior. But the only unacceptable price for Mr. Milosevic is the loss of power. Short of that, he can only gain from the aura of heroic isolation and suffering in which he is now wrapped; better still, he shares it with a growing number of

previously skeptical Serbs.

The notion — touted in Western military circles at the beginning of the NATO air assault — that the Serb leader would fold after a few NATO bomhing raids reveals how poorly our leaders understand the world in which

they now live. What democrats dislike about Mr. Milosevic, Saddam Hussein and their counterparts in North Korea and central Africa are their repeated violations of norms and rules established by international treaty, human rights conventions or simply the lingering memory of World War II.

The trouble is that these violations cannot be addressed by bombing raids and laser-targeted missiles.

In Kosovo, as in Cambodia, Somalia and Rwanda, ethnic cleansing (the "final solution" to a local political or communal problem) is an artisanal undertaking, the work of small groups of men wielding clubs, knives, axes, pistols, rifles, flame throwers or, at the technological high end, submachine guns.

the affairs of others.

When that fails he exploits our strength — a military machine and arsenal geared to ends completely different from those presented in Kosovo

and utterly maladapted to the purpose.
In the case of the United States, he has yet another weapon at his disposal: America's fear of taking casualties. The proudest American claim to date is that not a single American life has been lost during combat there.

The United States has shifted its military objectives all over the place: First it sought to prevent humanitarian disaster, then it worked to avert a new Balkan war, now it has decided the problem is Mr. Milosevic himself (the same Mr. Milosevic whom President Bill Clinton once praised for making the Dayton agreement possible). But all along America's true goal has been to get in and out without having to use body bags.

In an era of professional armies, that concern is beginning to look very odd indeed. It also plays into the hands of Mr. Milosevic, who has no comparable nxiety over Yngoslav body counts.

NATO's leaders are making war the way they do because all other strategies are thought to be unacceptable. In short, this is the only war NATO can fight. In so doing, we have failed to learn the one lesson that should be common to democracies and dictatorships alike: Bombing does not win wars.

The British carpet-bombed Germany in World War II because they, too, had to do something and could do nothing else. It no more brought Hitler down than the Luftwaffe raids on London weakened Churchill or the national sentiment in his favor.

Mr. Milosevic is probably the last Against such weapons and those who command them, democracies are all but paralyzed. Mr. Milosevic first thanks to Stalin and Hitler. Yngoslavia author, most recently, of "The But of Responsibility." He contributed comment to The New York Times.

exploits our inherent weakness — our was the only remaining patch of ter-distaste for war or for intervention in ritory not yet cleansed of the complicated demographic residue of old empires; Stalin's population transfers and frontier adjustments and Hitler's policies of extermination had effectively resolved such difficulties elsewhere in Europe by 1945. But the general problem is not going to disappear. In order to confront dictators of his kind we must set aside the misleading lesson of our victory in the cold war, achieved by huge military expenditure on a deBurk Wil

terrent strategy. It no longer deters. The alternative, nonengagement, is not an option: It is Mr. Milosevic and his associates who have raised the price of nonintervention to a level we cannot accept. Playing by their rules they

ohlige us to respect our own.
We cannot complain that Mr. Milosevic has caught us by surprise. In a speech he gave in Pristina in 1987, he put the world on notice of his intention to extend and secure his power in Serbia by playing the ultranationalist card against Kosovo's Albanians. The opportunity to expel these people is one he has long awaited and is consistent with the logic of his stance. The logic of our response must be that the inter-national community or NATO or the United States must be ready to do what is necessary to stop him.

Yes, this means ground troops, and yes, that means casualties. If we cannot admit this, we lack the military courage of our moral convictions. We must pray for a new political leadership that grasps this and can explain it to the electorate. The alternative is to unlearn every lesson we thought we had learned in the past 60 years. Dictators have long memories; so should we.

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## NATO Should Make Milosevic's Exit Its Exit Strategy

WASHINGTON — Thir-teen days into the NATO bombing campaign in Serbia and Kosovo, the administration still has not clearly articulated its political and military objectives, It is therefore little wonder that the results thus far have been less than a

complete success. Our immediate objectives should be to remove all Serhian military, paramilitary and police forces from Kosovo and create a safe environment for the Kosovar Albanian population to return and exercise their right to self-government.

These goals, however, must be part of a larger objective of creating and maintaining a peaceful, stable and democratic Balkan region. It should at long last be clear to the Clinton administration that this greater goal cannot be achieved until Slobodan Milosevic is reBy Bob Dole

longer inflict terror. We can succeed in this objective if the administration adopts three immediate measures. First, it must isolate Mr.

Milosevic internationally and treat him as a pariah. President Bill Clinton and other U.S. officials must immediately identify Mr. Milosevic as a war criminal. They also should call for his indictment hy the UN War Crimes Tribunal in the Netherlands and provide the court with all relevant evidence coffected by the United States in the past eight years. They also should begin to treat him as a suspect. This means that the only Americans who should be officially authorized to deal with him are those who can escort him to The Hague.

Second, the United States

country's most professional and reasonable military commanders and deliver the following message: "We are Draskovic, the former "opposition leader" who has emerged as a rabid ultranationalist in the current Serbian lowing message: "We are working vigorously not only to end Serbian aggression against its own and other countries' non-Serb civilians, but also to end its tyranny and promote democratization. If you stand with us and support democratic principles, we will work with you in the critical days ahead to promote Serbia's emergence

as a peaceful and democratic nation. If you do not, you will lose this war, your military will be utterly destroyed, you will risk indictment for war crimes and, at the end of the day, Milosevic, who cares about his own power rather than Serbia and its people, will make you the scapegoat." At the same time, we should

identify allies within Serbia's of the founding of NATO could small, weak and divided polit-become NATO's funeral. should promote democratic small, weak and divided politmoved from power or political and military oppo- ical forces. However, as we ically and militarily weakened sition to Mr. Milosevic within learned from the West's mis- ing and U.S. leadership, 1996, contributed this comto the point that he can no Serbia. We should identify the placed support of Vuk NATO can make Mr. Milo- ment to The Washington Post.

government, we must work not with those who simply oppose Mr. Milosevic personally, but with those who also oppose authoritarian rule of any kind.

Third, the administration must vow to achieve nothing less than all of its objectives and to use all necessary means to do so. In Serbia and Kosovo, we have the capability, need, and legal and moral authority to act. In addition, NATO is strong, while Serbia is weak and corrupt. The credibility of the administration, the alliance and the United States are therefore all at stake. If we fail and allow Serbian aggression in Kosovo to stand, this month's cele-bration of the 50th anniversary

so doing, it will make it possible not only for hundreds of thonsands of refugees to return home safely but also for the Kosovar Albanian people to begin to exercise their fundamental political rights and civil liberties. It also will make it possible for Serbia, at long last, to join the rest of Central and Eastern Europe on the

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road to democratic prosperity. If, however, the United States and its allies continue to pull their punches or cut a compromise deal with Mr. Milosevic, we will doom Kosovo's Albanian society to oblivion, consign the Serbian people to greater tyranny, fur-ther crode U.S. credibility and render NATO almost meaningless in the 21st century.

The writer, former Senate majority leader and Repub-

## The 3 Captured Soldiers

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by Serh forces while atrocities in Kosovo itself, President Bill Clinton is right to insist that these three be treated in a fashion that comports with in-

ternational law. It should surprise nobody that the same regime that has flonted international norms regarding the treatment of civilians in Kosovo should also lose no time in making a mockery of the Geneva Convention, once it got its hands on NATO servicemen. The prisoners were displayed, bruised and roughed up, on Serbian television, and Serbian anthorities have announced that they may be subject to legal proceedings - although plans to try them remain sketchy. Ironically, these soldiers were not even a part of the NATO bombing campaign itself but were assigned to patrol the Macedonian-Yngoslav border. But

It is perhaps a little myopic to focus on the three U.S. servicemen captured even if they were inside Serbian territory when captured, as the Yugoslavs ritory when captured, as the Yugoslavs claim, and their capture was not itself an Kosovo are continuing. Yet even as the administration's attention remains on they have received violates a treaty that was designed to protect soldiers from abuse by their captors.

It remains to be seen whether Slobodan Milosevic would release them while NATO continues its campaign. But the notion that these men could be tried is absurd and little more than a way of turning them from prisoners of war into hostages. This is offensive. As long as they are beld, they must be afforded the protections doe to prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention, a treaty to which Yugoslavia is a signatory. And just as the United States must hold Mr. Milosevic accountable for his behavior in Kosovo, the administration also has a duty to American troops to hold him accountable for his behavior toward

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### A Good Time for Washington to Get Tough With China the free flow of husiness in- cord, the resolution the United By Paul Wellstone

WASHINGTON — In 1994, when President Bill Clinton separated China's "most favored nation" trading status from its human rights record, he insisted that this did not diminish America's commitment to pursuing a vigorous human rights policy. Washington even went so far as to claim that economic growth and liberalization in China, fueled by increased trade with the United States, would

promote political liberalization. Five years down the road these assurances have proved to be empty rhetoric. Last autumn the Chinese authorines undertook the toughest crackdown on dissidents since the Tiananmen Square massacre a decade ago. The State Department's human rights report, released in February, acknowledged that 'China's human rights record

Chinese leadership decided that Prime Minister Zhu

Rongji's trip to the United

Tuesday carries risks and may

The visit will likely be

marked by acrimony, which is

indicative of the way U.S.-

China relations have deterio-

Mr. Zhu's stance will be

heavily constrained by his

Politburo peers and the anti-

American atmosphere in

Beijing. The anti-U.S. coali-

most of the last decade. It has

never been far from the surface,

Those arguing against Mr. Zhu's trip did so for several

reasons. Beijing is opposed to NATO's bombing of Kosovo.

China views the attack against

but has recently coalesced.

rated in recent months.

arouse domestic opposition.

worsened, though, the 1994 "de-linkage" has turned into complete disassociation. Two recent pronouncements

dramatically demonstrate the contradictions — if not downright schizophrenia — of the current American approach. On the same day that Charlene commercial concerns alone will Barshefsky, the United States not determine its policy. trade representative, said she woold travel to China to try to close the deal on China's en-trance into the World Trade Organization, the State Department announced that the United States would sponsor a United Nations resolution condemning China's

terrible human rights record. cision oo the resolution. having been co-author of a Senate reshas deteriorated sharply over the olution calling for this ap- fail to honor contracts or restrict

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Rongji's trip to the United inste Europe, establish a base States should go ahead. From near the Middle East, and en-

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the Chinese perspective, the circle Russia and China, eight-day visit that begins Beijing has also ta

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A Diplomatic Disaster in the Making

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Concept" based on immutable

state sovereignty, nonaggres-

sion, and equality of nations.

rhetoric in China, why was the

visit approved? It seems that

Beijing has staked a lot on the

post-1996 rapprochement with

Washington. It knows that the

ship would be high. Thus, it

was thought better to maintain

a modicum of momentum than

fuel the downward spiral hy

canceling the trip. Mr. Zhu himself reportedly

Yugoslavia as the southern Organization should be taken International Herald Tribune.

Mr. Zhu himself reportedly Program at the Brookings In-argued that China's case for stitution in Washington. He

admission to the World Trade contributed this comment to the

Given the anti-American

momentum toward WTO membership for China builds as if the human rights situation there is irrelevant. A return to a link between trade and human rights policy is not in the cards. But the United States should ensure that the Chinese understand that

As the administration and Congress consider China's reonest for WTO admission, we should insist that China, at a minimum, take concrete steps to establish an independent judiciary, a free press and respect for the rule of law. A govemment that routinely violates its own laws to crack down on dissent is equally likely to cheat on market access agreements,

directly to the American people. He wants to speak about his initiatives to reform

the Chinese economy and whet the appetite of U.S. in-

vestors. Beijing also wants to press its case on Taiwan's re-

unification with the Chinese

mainland, as well as to state its

views on Tibet, human rights,

theater missile defenses.

Kosovo, and the "anti-China

If this is Mr. Zhu's calcu-

lation, it will likely backfire

badly. His visit has all the mak-

ings of a diplomatic disaster.

He may have been better ad-

vised to heed his critics and

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wave" in Congress.

formation from abroad. Congress should insist on voting on whether the president should support China's entry into the snpport China's entry into the World Trade Organization before the administration signs off on a WTO deal. This week, Prime Minister

Zhu Rongji will pay an official visit to Washington, the first by a Chinese prime minister in 15 years. This is an opportunity for the president to tell the Chinese leader why the United States is calling for United Nations condemnation of China's human rights abuses and signal to him that these abuses could jeopardize any WTO decision.
Since Mr. Clinton's visit to

China last June, the Chinese government has continued to commit abuses and has taken actions that flagrantly violate the commitments it has made to respect internationally recognized human rights.

States is sponsoring at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights is clearly justration must commit to pushing for adoption, an effort that must include having the president,

the cabinet lobby other countries, particularly those in the European Union. Even if the resolution is not adopted, simply having a debate on human rights in China will make a difference. It is essential for the administration to make clear that at this moment in history the United States stands with the courageous Chinese who are struggling to achieve the rights they

vice president and members of

The writer, a Democratic Senator from Minnesota, contributed this comment to The

#### Based on this deplorable re-New York Times. IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO:

#### 1899: Sun Dying CHRISTIANA — The Norwe-

gian Professor Birkedal has just given a lecture in which, he stated it as his opinion that the sun is growing cold. According to the professor the sun will lose its light in the course of a century or thereabont, provided it does not receive fresh heat from LONDON — King George VI some unexpected source. Professor Mohn believes that Professor Birkedal's discovery is most important and quite likely to be correct, as it would explain many recent meteorological phenomena.

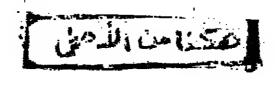
#### 1924: Fascist Victory

ROME — An overwhelming victory for Fascism is clearly foreseen in the general elections to be held. The parties that oppose the Fascisti are the Socialists, the Liberals, the Democrats and the Populists. The technical

inaugurated by the Mussolini government gives a decided advantage to Fascism. This added to the fact that Fascists have conducted a forceful campaign. leaves the opposing parties with very little to hope for.

saved Mrs. Renée Duffy, nineteen-year-old mother, from the gallows. Mrs. Duffy was sentenced to hang for killing her husband. Her husband beat her and she decided to leave him, taking her eleventh-months-old baby: When he tried to prevent her, she picked up a hammer and hit him twice. The King's reprieve is a commutation of the death sentence. Her execution had been set for Thursday [March 7]. The jury gave a strong recommendation for mercy. Hundreds of letters asking for mercy came from Engworking of the new election law land and Europe.

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#### **OPINION/LETTERS**

## This American Noisemaker Is All Bark With No Bite

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — In a New Year's showing that a fierce NATO was really Eve episode of the '50s program letting the war criminals have it. "Candid Camera," the interviewer Allen Funt went into a Times Square novelty shop and asked for a noisemaker that was not too lond. Before long, the unsuspecting

salesman was earnestly pitching him "the quietest noisemaker on the market."

That is the NATO strategy in the Serbian war. Light up the television skies with nighttime explosions, but exercise restraint -- fighting to win would be much

too noisy.

Evidence of this feckless approach was in the glorious pictorial of the destruction of the Interior Ministry in downtown Belgrade. An American cruise missile caused a great blaze at 1 o'clock in the morning.

What determined the choice of target and time of attack? Not the weather, oor the danger of anti-aircraft defenses — the two reasons most often given for our in-effectual jabs. Cruise missiles are impervious to both.

The target site was chosen because it symbolized "infrastructure." We knew that the building's occupants, forewarned, had been evacuated a week before. The post-midnight time was chosen to make doubly certain that oobody directing the sweep to make Kosovo Albanian-rein was on hand to be killed, and that flames would

show up vividly against the night sky. That was a propaganda mission. Its

letting the war criminals have it.

This is the Third Way in foreign policy. One way remembers the Munich analogy, and aims to stop President Slobodan Milosevic in Kosovo lest internal aggression become the way of the world. The opposite way remembers Vietnam and

posite way remembers Vietnam and avoids quagmires at all cost.

The nations of Europe, followed by President Bill Clinton, have chosen the Third Way: neither to stop nor to ignore the aggressor, but to punish evildoing in a low-risk manner. NATO's military mission is to lose honorably while making the winner pay a cost. Thus do we establish the principle of collective insecurity.

Nobody is better entiroped to sell this

Nobody is better equipped to sell this than Mr. Clinton. He believes he knows something that the idealists and the hawks and the Never Again set do not know: The American public will no longer sustain a war with casualties. Who wants to die for the credibility of NATO? Unless the U.S. fleet is sunk as at Pearl Harbor, avoid the use of infantry.

Armed with that lifelong insight and supported by polls that bolster it, he does what he does best: He positions himself at the head of public opinion's slow-walking parade. But he knows the public needs a sense of sacrifice, an illusion of moral righteousness, to go with its abdication of global responsibility.

target was oot so much the Serbian population, but the watching world — to offset the pictures of refugees in misery by condemnation of near-genocide; his his-



By KAL in The Sun (Bakimore), Call Syne

tory lesson that two world wars started in this region; his solemn warning that Mr. Milosevic will be held responsible for the lives of captured Americans; his hint that Kosovo can now oo longer be ruled by Serbia; his call for patience in "staying the course." By all this he assumes the osture of resolve.

But in fact he is, in Winston Churchill's phrase, "resolved to be irresolute." The course we are staying is not to defeat the Serbian expulsion of a million human beings, but merely to "diminish the ca-pacity" of Mr. Milosevic to do what he has already shown himself to be quite capable of having done.

payback is; to assuage our conscience, we'll make the victor feel some of his victims' pain. But the hesitancy that seeps from soch conscience, as another Hamlet said, makes cowards of us all. One of these days, Slobo (and Saddam) may lay hands on a half-stolen Russian nuclear missile and that's the end of retribution.

Perhaps the American president awaits some change in popular opinion to give him cover for military action beyond telegenic punitive air strikes. If revelations of horror make that happen; if safely silent presidential candidates urge rollback; if the NATO's anniversary in Washington pushes him forward — then we may celebrate leadership from the man who now

still seeks his quiet noisemaker.

The New York Times.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Perspectives on Kosovo

Slobodan Milosevic is a coward, like most bullies, and will doohtless oot wish to share in the committed at that time. Even Gershame he is bringing upon his own mans and Japanese not yet born at people, much less be put on trial. Like his policy, his end will probable ably parallel that of Hitler.

attack neighboring peoples ---Croats and Bosnians yesterday, Kosovars today, Montenegrins tomorrow and donbtless the Hungarians of Voivodna the day after - will also cease to exist. REYNOLD RIEMER.

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Paris.

ity are the Serbs themselves, During and after World War II, both Germans and Japanese were collectively condemned for the crimes that time feel the weight of this.

European public opinion will similarly assign the Serbs a mor-His persistence will only serve ally inferior status. The danger is to ensure that Serbia's capacity to that this assignment permits us to drop bombs willy-nilly to kill a "barbaric" people. In doing so, we, too, become barbaric, completing the circle of evil.

But those who start the circle. get the blame.

EARL EVLETH

more questions. Why did the good democratic Serbs and the youthful supporters of independent Radio B92 not fill the streets of Belgrade and Novi Sad and Nis last summer and fall when Slobodan Milosevic was intensifying his attack on

Kosovo Albanians?

Where were they after news of the massacre at Racak became known? What were they doing during the negotiations at Rambouillet? Still congratulating themselves on those 100 days in 1996 when they protested to "demand democracy and human rights"?

THOMAS MUTZ. Portoroz, Slovenia.

It is snocking to hear the type of questions that journalists ask during quarterbacks of the NATO pro-

Opinion, April 2), I have a few ing the White House, State Department and Pentagoo press briefings, which are being aired daily here in Europe hy CNN, NBC, BBC and other TV oetworks. Listening to those ques-tions, viewers might think the reporters were a group of Serbian agents trying to collect intelli-gence for the Yogoslav Army.

Moreover, Western journalists should refuse to interview any Serbian officials or to re-broadcast Serbian-controlled TV coverage until they are allowed free access to report directly from Kosovo and Belgrade.

MAE GORDON. Lausanne, Switzerland,

The critics and Monday mora-

gram ignore that there is only limited public support for the use of ground troops. Those critics also disregard the potential military in-tervention of Russia or the possible effects of such action oo an already

weak democracy in Russia. Now the Republican Congress in the United States seeks to make political gain oot of this tragic situation while for so loog it ig-oored the problems of the world hy wasting months oo a pointless impeachment trial.

The villain in this tragedy is and always has been Slobodan Milosevic. To the Clintoo administration and the NATO forces I say, "Ignore the critics and stay

> PETER ROSARIO. Budapest.

## Don't Turn a Deaf Ear To Cell Phone Rage

By Ellen Goodman

B OSTON — When did I first bombarded with the details of business and other affairs. rage, yoo ask?

It came over me at lunch a few years ago when my companion's beside so many lawyers conductpocketbook rang. For the oext 10 ing business that he finally made a minutes, this very very busy woman talked to her office while I was left to study the leaf patterns

Then, of course, there was the day of my niece's college graduation when a very, very important

oo my arugula.

#### **MEANWHILE**

father was seen talking his way through the baccalaureate.

Finally there was the evening when an utterly indispensable man seated oear me at the theater could be heard doing his own dialogue over the phone to some absent co-star.

By now there is hardly a person in the United States who has not experienced cell phone abuse and inner rage. There are 66 million phones bouncing off satellites and at any moment, I am sure, 10 percent of them are of-

fending someone. oo-phooe zone. It seems that the suhurbanites who trek to the center of Manhattan every day did oot tried my skills at a Mohawk. suffer their phone rage silently. Surrounded by the chattering classes, they demanded the passenger's right to ride in a car withoot noise pollution.

The presenting symptom was volume control. As the spokesman for the train company said, 'For reasons that we can't figure out, people are hollering into their cell phones."

In fact, cell phones have become the boom boxes of the 1990s. Gray-flanneled men and women who would not be caught dead carrying a boom box onto the commuter train carry a mobile voice box that disturbs the peace with equal disregard. The cell phone, however, has become a status symbol oo par with the sports utility vehicle. It is audible proof that you are too husy to waste a minote and too essential to be oot of reach for a second.

Anyooe who has shared a park bench or an airplane with a phone cell phone yelling fire in a abuser can tell you just how free crowded theater. he is with his speech. I have been .

l admire the guerrilla tactic of the New York commuter who sat tape recording that blared, "Your

attorney-client privilege is no longer privileged!" It is true that cellular phones are great for emergencies. In my life, an emergency includes get-ting directions when I am lost, ordering Chinese food to take home and -- oh well, I admit it

 calling my mother. But if cell phone rage is a re-action to coise pollution, it is also and more commonly induced by public space pollution. Not long ago, everyone was commenting on how the Walkman privatized the public world, turning people inward so they could waltz or rock through their community without

being a part of it. The mobile phone promotes a verbal gated community; yoo can shut out everyone around you. It has become a personal access-ory that allows the oblivious to

live in their own world. So I was thrilled at the news that a New York commuter rail-road company is considering a away on his phone while his hair was being washed and cot. If I were the hairdresser, I would have

Soon we are all going to be equipped with one personal telephone oumber that goes with us everywhere we go. The mohile phone will be the phone. Remember the 1980s telephone ads: Reach out and touch someone. In the next millennium we will be looking for ways to be out

May I suggest that the oophone zone on the commuter train is just the beginning. In Hong Kong restaurants, they already ask you to check the phone with your coat. What about a restaurant with two sections: Phooe or no phone. And while we are on the snhject, what about a oo-phone lane oo the highway?

So far, the railroad is worrying about free speech issues. Can yoo ban talking? Bot the last time I looked at my bill, cell speech was oot free. In any case, somewhere tonight you can be sure there is a

The Boston Globe.

#### FEEDING THE CHOSTS

By Fred D'Aguar. 230 pages. \$23. Ecco. Reviewed by Selwyn R. Cudjoe

N THIS extraordinary, felicitous novel, Fred D'Aguiar turns to an event in the slave trade Middle Passage to evoke

In "Feeding the Ghosts" he explores the contradiction inherent in slaves'

When the captain returns to England, the insurers are reluctant to pay for 131

testimony is contained in her journal. For the members of the crew who had testified in favor of the captain, the discovery of this "ghost book" is their undoing. Not only does it unnerve them, but they are also dismayed that an African woman has a skill (writing) pos-sessed by few of them. Moved by this discovery, the boatswain remarks: "I smell a rat. An African female who can speak English, who is thrown overboard and climbs up the side of a sailing ship, and to crown it all finds time to write in her hideaway on board. . . . I see the insurers cooking op the whole plot and trying to pass it off to get away from the fact that something was done that was necessary and they have to pay for it!

Faced with this new information, the captain is speechless when called to rebut the contents of the diary. Mintah's notes support the contention of the insurers that "the ship's holdings were in a good condition and the dumpings were unnecessary, and therefore Captain Cunningham had committed murderous

And this is the precisely the moral center around which the covel revolves. How do we value the world of a slave woman and the lives of Africans? Moreover, how do these ghastly acts affect our humanity? D'Aguiar argues that "here there is only the record of the sea. Those spirits are fled into wood, The ghosts feed on the story themselves.

These final words of his epilogue do wickedness and crimes.

Selwyn R. Cudjoe, who teaches in the Africana Studies Department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, wrote this for The Washington Post.

the cruelty of a Christian captain whose only concerns were profitability and a desire to please his employers. It matters oot that his actions reduced his cargo of Africans to a status lower than animals. D'Aguiar, a Londoner of Guyanese-Caribbean parents, resurrects a sense of moral outrage at the diminishment of our humanity, occasioned by the barbarity of the slave trade.

dual status; their being simultaneously "stock" and people who possess in-alienable rights, as Americans say. which everyone should respect.

slaves (one-third of the cargo) who allegedly died but in fact were jettisoned while alive to ensure that the voyage would be profitable. When the owners apply for compensation, a legal battle ensues. Just when the owners of the human cargo feel they have won the battle, a mysterious diary belonging to Mintah, an educated slave woman, is

## **BOOKS**

turned over to the court. The informatioo it contains dramatizes the lies that members of the crew have told the court. Mintah, who was thrown overboard, survived by clutching ropes attached to the ship and climbing aboard. Her final

acts." Yet, in that court of law, the testimony contained in the "ghost

#### book" is dismissed because Mintah "was oot free hut owned as stock."

The past is laid to rest when it is told."

not quite capture the essence of this exciting tale. Perhaps D'Agniar also intended to suggest that the conditions experienced by African slaves, away from the public view, were so hor-rendous that only an accident could reyeal to the world how these men and women were treated. Such barbarity is a hurden that still lingers. D'Aguiar reminds us that slavery diminishes both the slave catcher and the slave. He suggests that it takes the simple, the meek, the abused to absolve humanity from its

D'Aguiar has written a powerful. compelling oovel.

#### **CHESS**

### By Robert Byrne

MAURICE ASHLEY, America's most recent grandmaster and the world's first black player to achieve that top rank, is, over the chessboard, a man for all seasons. In the Manhattan Chess Club's March International Tournameot, he took second place behind only the Ukrainian grandmaster Georgy Timoshenko in the course of earning the

grandmaster title. The essence of Ashley's style is that whatever happens, he keeps his cool. You could swear the new Brooklyn grandmaster is indifferent to whether he has the attack or the defense. In the third

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

Black Anhles Bef Gaf Racs Rcs Rcs Bbs Qrs Rc1 Qe7 fb b6 Ni6 Kb7 Ni65 Rr1 18 Noes 19 Nos 20 Nos 1 5 e3 6 dc 7 Rc1 8 Bc4 9 M3 5 10 0-0 24 Qc1 25 Qd1 26 ab 27 Qf3 28 Kb2 11 Bb3 12 b3 13 Qc2 14 Nd5

round, against Igor Shliperman, an in-ternational master from Queens, Ashley stood by while his opponent essayed a little combination to win a slight advantage in material. But then he exposed all the not-so-evident drawbacks of his antagonist's decision. In the end, it was Ashley's exact tactics and sharp attacking play that brought him the victory.

The anti-Gruenfeld system with 4

Bf4 emphasizes development with the

hope of preventing Black's counterplay.

The question is whether White can handle the spirited counterattack with 4\_Bg7 5 e3 c5!? White's attempt to stay a pawn ahead with 7 Qa4 Qa4 8 Na4 failed in its most recent appearance, in a Malaniuk-Dvoiris game in the 1998 Russian Cup Final: after 8...O-O 9 Nf3 Bd7 10 Nc3 dc 11 Bc4 Rc8 12 Ne5 Be8 13 O-O Rc5

14 Be2 Rc8 15 Rfd1 Nc6 16 Bf3 Ne5 17 Be5 Bc6 Black had full equality. Prevention of 14-c4 by ... 13... Ne4 is thought to be an effective way to stifle any attempt by White to gain the initiative. But Shliperman persists with 14 Nd5, virtually forcing Ashley to play 14...e5. Then 15 Rc6 bc 16 Ne7 Kh8 17 Nc6 Qb6 18 Nce5 yields White a slight material advantage of a knight and two pawns for a rook. Nevertheless, two factors go against White: Shliperman does not have connected passed pawns

and Ashley's pieces are all active.

After 18...Be6, it was not wise for

Shliperman to walk into a pin with 19

Nc4?! Qa6! To have to permit the ex-

change of rooks with 23 Na3 Rc1 24

Qc1 was unfortunate for Shliperman;

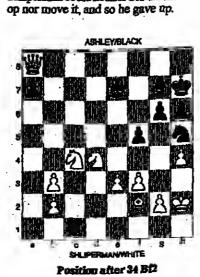
the remaining black rook could now roam an open board nnopposed. Moreover, after 24...Rc8 25 Qd1 Bb3, Shiperman could not recapture with 26 Qb3 becanse of 26...Rc1 27 Kh2 Nf2. For example, 28 Qf7 Rh1 29 Kg3 Ne4 30 Kg4 h5 31 Kf3 Nd2 32 Kg3 Qf1! 33 Nac2 (or 33 Qe8 Kh7 34 Nac2 h4 35 Kh4 Qg2 36 Qd7 Rh3! 37 Qh3 Bf6 38 Bg5 Bg5mate) Ne4 34 Kh4 Rh3! 35 gh Qf2 36 Bg3 Qg3mate.

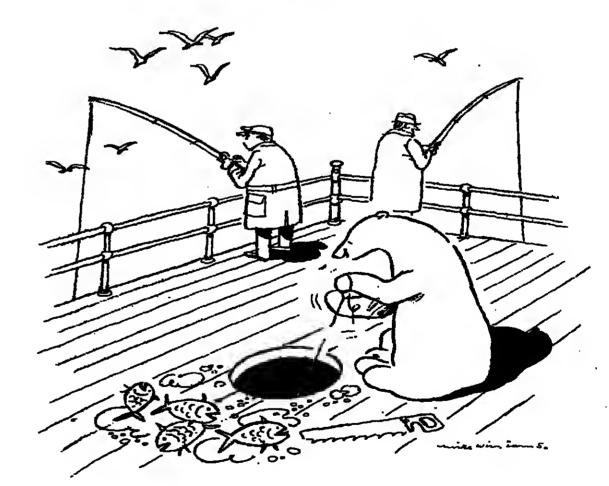
After the weakening 31 h4?, Ashley's attack with 31...Nf6! gathered momentum. After 33...Nh5!, Ashley

threatened to break through with 34...Ng3

35 Kg3 Rh1. And after 34 Bf2 Rf1!,

Shliperman could neither defend his bish-





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By William L. Hamilton New York Times Service

EW YORK - "Did the du Ponts have any small chil-dren?" a middle-aged man asked the docent as the tour group stood in the delicate 18th-century paneled dining room of Winterthur, the 175-room mansion created by Henry Francis du Pont for his collection of American decorative arts.

Little did he know that a child was still

loose in the house, now a public mu-seum. She was the 77-year-old woman with the Claudette Colbert hair and the large shaded eyeglasses whn had just passed behind him on her way to the private elevator, dn Pont's younger daughter, Rnth Ellen.

Ruth Ellen Lord has a very nearly

unique relationship to Winterthur. With her nider sister, Pauline Harrison de Bronssard, she grew up there. Winter-thur, a 2,400-acre (960-hectare) estate in the Brandywine Valley outside Wilm-ington, Delaware, was one of fnur family homes. But by her account, Henry do Pont, win died in 1969, might have been as surprised as the tourists visiting his house to discover that there were small

children whn grew np in it.

Lord, a research affiliate with the
Child Study Center at Yale University, has written a book aboot her father and his house, "Henry F. do Pont and Winterthur: A Daughter's Portrait," a portrait in search of its sitter.

Like everyone, Lord is still growing up, and she is lanking for her father—an elusive man, born in 1880, wham, because of his shyness and the Victorian secrecies of his class, she hardly knew. In her book and in conversation, she speaks nf him with loss and lave, as though be were alive, and missing. In reminn, there is hope for resolution, that he can prove

he lines her, too.

Where Lord had to lonk is at Henry du
Pont's self-professed legacy — a monumental house where she, as thrugh by
coincidence, had also lived.

''Decorative arts aren't particularly 'my thing,'' she said. "I don't really knnw anything about antiques or care much about them. I appreciate them, but 'I've never studied them in any way."

As an adult, Lord has kept Golf Cot-

tage, a small, 19th-century house across a road from the nine-hale galf course on the Winterthur property. She asked her father to leave it to her instead of the large house he huilt to move into when the mansion became a nonprofit mu-

If objects tell stories, for all of the magnificence of Winterthur, du Pont's relationship with his daughter was thinly furnished — a man with 58 sets of china who recorded in detail his table settings found it hard to choose words for his children. "He almost never spoke," said Lord, whn worked with archives at Winterthor and cases of correspondence to construct her parents' half of her childhood. "He was a very sort of kindly person, but he was not intimate." As is clear to a visitor, du Pont saved much nf his affection for things.

"After my father died, there was an Oriental rug that wound up in Connecticut, in my house, which I thought was very pretty," Lord said. "One day I nnticed that sewn into nne of the corners, which said 'Albany' — that was my room — was, 'When Miss R.E. is in residence.' That was me. Ruth Ellen." Her father had what he considered "an inferior rug." Lord said, put down when she was expected home. "Obviously my father had a terrific distrust of children, and he thought I was going to ruin everything, so the good stuff was apparently moved ont when I was there.

Golf Cottage was empty when Lord was a child at Winterthur. She went there, with her nurse, to row on the pond and catch tadpoles. As a girl, she sat inside to smnke cigarettes "with pals,"

In a sense, she has moved into her

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Henry Francis du Pont as a voune man: Ruth Ellen Lord on the neoclassical stairs of Winterthur, and du Pont's pride and joy nestled on its 2,400-acre estate among the trees of the Brandywine Valley.

ayhouse, maintaining it for visits to Winterthur with her own family. Lord has three children; her second husband, Jnhn Holmes, died in 1997. Golf Cottage is everything Henry du Pont neglected to install in his period rooms - comfortable, cozy, familiar and worn, with what Lord calls the "relatedness" that a small house excels at.

Lord's book is not an ugly backstage peek, hut a curinus one — revisiting scenes from her childhood, like an adult's recurring dream. The portrait that emerges of Henry du Pont is one of another child — as a boy, frail, awkward, insecure, the nnly surviving son nf seven children born to Henry A. dn Pont. a Civil War hero and a senator.

As a young man, he was a had student who was fond of flowers. His best grade at Harvard was a B minus, for a gardenstudy class. He collected hirds' eggs. He was dilettantish hut acutely detailed, de-

scribing in a list his hirthday wish for waterproof cushinns for his canoe, not 'swell, just plain" and "fashinnahle English paper with my initials no it." He was immature and close to his mother,

whn died when he was 22. It was a shock that he later said defined him, a rare reflection he shared with his daughter. "To have someone say, 'When I was 22, I gave up feeling.' was such an astonishing thing to hear. Lord recalled. "I speculate it had something to do with having such an intense instinct for callecting. People who've had early loss find collecting a kind of reassuring thing to dn. Snrt of an island of safety, inviolable."

He was still emntinually hesitant 13 years later, living with his father at Winterthur and running the farms, when he became engaged to Ruth Wales, of Hyde Park, New Ynrk, warning her in a letter that she was about to embark on an

"uncongenial alliance." They were married the next year.

In 1924, nnw a father, dn Pont began huying American furniture, decorative objects and rooms of fine woodwork, inspired hy a visit to twn hnuses, the 18th-century farmhouse of Watson and Electra Wehh in Shelhurne, Vermont, and Beauport, Henry Davis Sleeper's hnuse in Glnucester, Massachusetts.

Thrugh a reticent man, he created a mountain of marvelnus things, like a gigantic toy, expanding Winterthnr with 23 new period rooms, an internal telephone line, a badminton court and a bowling alley.

The mechanics of domestic life gave du Pont an adult's confidence. He liked running Winterthur. "My father was much more of a house person than Mother was," Lord said. "It was he who planned the meals and planned what the table was gning to be set with. It was all determined by what finwers were available. My father used in say, 'The average person never notices anything."

By putting his interests on display. Henry du Pont might have hnped to be able to share himself. But his wife hated Winterthur and made nn shnw of wanting to be there, spending most of her year at their apartment in New Ynrk. She called the estate "Frog Hallaw."

"Imagine," she wrote to her mother, "inside your own hnuse, having to reach ynur husband by telephone." With du Pont "knee-deep in flower and antiques catalogues or in journals like The Holstein-Friesian World," Lord writes that her mother remarked to her grandmother, "Please deliver me from farming."

"She was very outgning, great fun, a wnuderful mimic," Lord said. "But she had a very dark side to her. She said she thrnght nobody should be born in this

■ HE COLLECTION and its costs also provoked a tragicomic kind nf subplot. Henry du Pant spent money like a du Pont, borrowing from cousins when he got ahead of even his nwn fortune, cutting staff or salaries and hiding the expenses of incessant buying from his wife. He had 18 bank accounts and used aliases on shopping trips. During the Depression, when he doubled the size of the house, dn Pont's lawyer warned him that Winterthur

might be hard to mortgage.
"He said the only regret he had about this was the things he hadn't bought," Lord said, "I speculate that there weren't many."

# The Runway Stops On the Home Front Merging Fashion and Interiors

By Alicia Drake

ARIS — Walk into the interior designer Laurent Buttazzoni's apartment and it is hard to tell where fashion stops and the interior begins. There are white cotton Airtex curtains hanging from the win-dows, cow skins left over from a fashdows, cow skins left over from a rashion show scattered no the floor, he has gray felt Birkenstocks on his feet and he is chatting on the phone with the model Michele Hicks.

Buttazzoni is nne nf a new generatinn nf Paris interinr designers who is at home mixing his slide rule with the serve's runway. His clients are

is at home rinking his since for what the season's runway. His clients are Inhn Galliann, the boutique nwner Maria Luisa, the French Vngue art director Donald Schneider, and his work zips naturally between fashion

One day he is working nn Galliann's apartment in an 18th-century hotel particulier in the Marais, the next he is drawing plans for a Galliann in-store boutique for Harrods, styling the decor for a fashion show or installing a concrete-and-mirror bath-

room in a Paris home.

"The link between the different artistic disciplines is growing closer," Buttazzoni said to explain the merging of fashion and home. "It is happening because nowadays people want a co-herent image throughout their life. from the way they dress, the furniture in their house, the music they listen to, even down to the food they eat."

There has always been a mutual attraction between the two worlds: Fashion designer starts off penniless and homeless, sleeping under toiles and the cutting-roum floor, ends up loaded with a portfolio of houses (Marrakesh, Megeve, Miami), calls in interior designer to transform the house. But the real overlap began a couple of years back, when designers started launching fashionable interior collections to complement their clothes with pashmina pillnws and silk quilts, coffee cups and sushi

Now certain interior designers have Now certain interior designers have taken to exploring fashion — not that they are running up beaded slip dresses, but rather they are seeking inspiration in fashion's fabric choice and technology, color and trends.

"There are so many fabrics I enjoy wearing which I woold like to use in

my interiors," said India Mahdavi Hudson, plucking at a pair of Etro tweed pants as an example. "Fashion fabrics are so much more funky and modern than furnishing fabrics, which still tend to be dated and chichi."

Mahdavi Hudson, who npened her showroom at 3 Rue Las Cases last month, has a design style that splices sober form with sensurus and unexpected fabrics, such as a slinky curtain in fine stainless steel chain mail, a beige flannel armchair nr a day bed in white terry cloth destined for a Chel-

sea bathroom. Her fashion references go beyond just fabric: Leather stitching on a pair of Manolo Blahnik mules is echoed in the overstitching on a leather chair, a gnld watch-chain strap is the starting point for her chrome lamp stand while a turn-up nn a pair of pants

reappears on a sofa hem. The boundaries between fashion and interiors have hlurred, not just in the details, but in the trends," said Mahdavi Hudson, whn predicts that, just as accessories are now the driving force of fashing, so home accessories are becoming the key to interiors.

"Today you can be dressed very, very simply, but be wearing the right pair of shoes and it's O.K.," she said. "It's the same at home. If you haven't got the money, you can still get a good look by mixing a basic sofa with the right tray, or the right vase and the right flowers." right flowers.

The right vase (read monumental and in blackened bronze) is what the and in hlackened bronze) is what the designer Ibu Poilane does, although she can also do you the right gold-and-rough coral ring or the right gold-link necklace. A designer of both furniture and jewelry (she has created the jewelry for Chance haute couture for the past two seasons), Poilane sees no contradiction in designing for the two worlds. "It is a questinn of function," she explained. "Every object lives in a space, every nbject has a function.
Thereafter it is just the scale and ma-

terial which changes."
Her recent exhibition at the Joyce
Ma Gallery spelled out her fashion home synergy: There were mink-covered bronze stools alongside amber globule earnings, a bronze-and-glass fire guard and a wide gold ring studded with fat gray pearls.

The cashmere designer Lucien Pellat-Finet called in the architect Christian Biecher to design his first
Paris boutique, which opened in February at 1 Rue Montalembert. Biecher has played nn Pellat-Finet's siger has played in Pellat-Finet's sig-nature techno-pop colors with pista-chio floors, pale-hlue shelving units and, most striking, an interior sher-bet-orange wall and a vivid green panel hanging over the front door, both of which will be repainted every season to match the collection's col-

OLOR is not the only nod to fashion. The boutique furniture comprises what Biecher calls his "boudin" sofa, a fat, squashy, tubular two-seater covered in stretch putty nylon, a fabric that Biecher compares to a "Prada

He cites fashion as a natural source of design inspiration. "Of all the arts, fashion works closest to the air du temps and is therefore the best way of checking the pulse of urban society." And yet he recognizes that fashion's utter transience also has its limitations. "The fashion designers can identify themselves totally with what is happening now, because they know that in six mouths' time they will be on to the next big thing,' said Biecher. "We are working In a more industrial environment. That means a piece of furniture has to last at least cancept of time has got to he very different."

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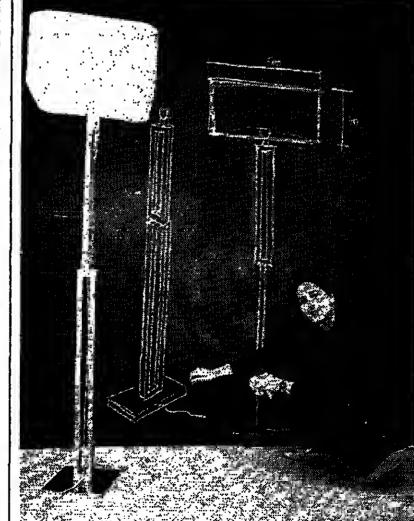
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A reservation echoed by Joseph Holtzman, editor of the alternative interiors magazine Nest, who while acknowledging "a lot of nverlap" between the two disciplines warned: "Fashion is new for its own sake, which is not necessarily the case with interior design. Their work should move a lot slower and be rooted in something more permanent,"

He also believes there is an inherent difference between the fashion designer and the interior designer, both in their approach and their vision of space and volume.

"For instance, I would not want an interior designer to cut my dress." Holtzman observed. "I think it would look rather like a curtain."

Alicia Drake is a fashion and style writer based in Paris.



India Mahdavi Hudson says accessories are the driving force of fashion.

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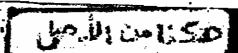
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# Hong Kong Struggles For High-Tech Foothold

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

HONG KONG - Why would Richard Li live anywhere but in this capitalist Klondike on the South China Sea?

After all, he was born here 32 years ago. His father, Li Ka-shing, is the donically, while discussing his plight higgest tycoon in town — a rags-to- last week. "We keep five apartments riches billionaire who recently put up a monumental 62-story headquarters in the heart of Hong Kong.

But his father's empire is tied to the mercantile moorings of trade and real estate. And the younger Mr. Li wants to build something else: a technology venture that will deliver Internet access and other services to television sets and personal computers across Asia.

Since announcing that grand plan a little more than a year ago, though, Mr. Li has found that a good place to make money is not always a good place to nurture high-technology dreams. He has been nnable to persuade the best young local software designers to live here while they develop the new ser-

vice. One by one, they have fled the high-rise canyons of Hong Kong for the low-rise sprawl of Silicon Valley, where Mr. Li's venume partner, Intel Corp., is based.

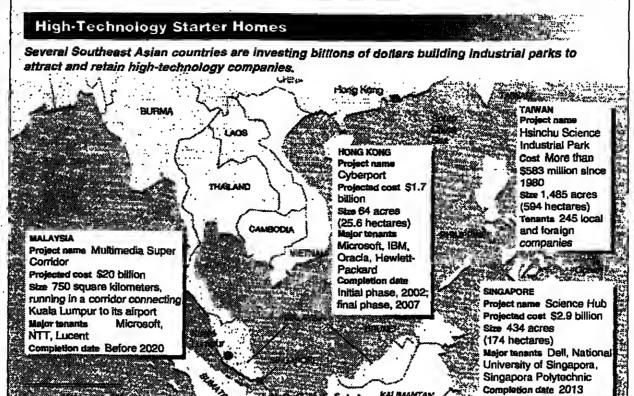
"Have we caught our last one, or has he gone back to California as well?" Mr. Li asked a colleague sarhere, but they're empty hecause people keep going back."

For Mr. Li, the experience has brought home a bitter truth: Hong

Kong is seen by many as a technology backwater. Expensive and lacking a critical mass of hardware or software manufacturers, it seems destined to be a bit player in the digital revolution. Rather than leave for Silicon Valley

himself, however, Mr. Li wants to hand Hong Kong into the information-technology mainstream. Last month, his company, Pacific Century Group, and the Hong Kong government announced a plan to build a \$1.7 billion technology

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Michael Dertouzous, right, director of the MIT computer science lab, speaking with

\$40 million, five-year research project that is being financed by the Defense Advanced Research Project that is being financed by the At least, such concepts Anant Agarwal, left, and Rodney Brooks, who work on the Oxygen project. ects Agency, the Pentagon's re- vision. In reality, the Oxygen project,

## MIT's Brave New Computer World \$40 Million Research Project to Redo Information Technology

By John Markoff

CAMBRIDGE, Massachnsetts -For David Clark, an MIT compoter puters and networks. scientist, research is like "an expedition into the future.

With the faculty and students at the Laboratory of Computer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Clark, one of the lah's top managers, is about to em-bark on just such a journey — one meant to liberate computing from the PC-centric world it has occupied for the past two decades.

Next Monday, scientists here plan to introduce Oxygen, an ambitious

search arm. The objective is as broad Mr. Clark said, must walk the thin as it is audacious: to reinvent all facets of information technology, turistic "Star Trek" notion of comfrom chips and software to com-

And in the Oxygenated future, a desktop computer would be largely beside the point.

In this digital new world, a person could know whether a colleague working elsewhere was reachable at his or her desk, because sensorybased computers in the wall would know. A handheld pointing device could be used to remotely command every household appliance to do its bidding. And instead of typing on keyboards or stabbing at a screen with a stylus, a person would simply

At least, such concepts are the

line between an unrealistically fupnting and an overly timid reach for the easily attainable.

"You have to quantum tunnel from 'It's too soon' to 'It's too late,'" he said, "You've got to have

It might be easy to dismiss such talk, were it not for the Laboratory of Computer Science's track record since its inception in 1964. Although the lab has not had as much publicity as its academic sister, the MIT Media Laboratory, it has been associated

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## Recovery In Japan **Hits Snags**

Gloomy Data Undermine Hopes for Rebound Soon

TOKYO - Japan's hopes for an economic rebound received another series of setbacks Monday as business confidence in the first quarter improved less than expected, a key leading index fell and data indicated that household spend-

and data indicated that household spending plunged in February.

The reports drove the yen lower against the dollar and eliminated early optimism Monday on the Tokyo stock market, leaving the Nikkei index only marginally higher.

"The economy shows further signs of approaching the bottom, although any rebound is likely to be weak," said Peter Morgan economist at HSBC Securities.

Morgan, economist at HSBC Securities.

Business confidence as measured by the Bank of Japan's quarterly tankan survey of large manufacturers improved to a reading of minus 47 from minus 49 level for the quarter ended in December. But the result fell short of the minus 44

reading that economists had expected. The results show that among the 9,500 large manufacturers surveyed, the proportion that was pessimistic was 47 percentage points higher than those who were optimistic.

The reading, the first rise in seven months, was still greeted soberly by economists and husiness people.

Satoru Ogasawara, an economist at Credit Suisse First Boston in Tokyo, said: "Concerns over the future of the economy remain very strong due to the deteriorating conditions of both employment and capital spending. The improvement in the survey was only attained through the government's public

The Bank of Japan shied away from reading too much into the latest survey. Shosaku Murayama, head of the central bank's research and statistics department, said, "Tankan is just one of the Bank of Japan's surveys, and the central bank needs to collect other data." He added developments in computing, including word-processing and spreadsheet next Tuesday. With the economy still depressed, analysts say the Bank of Japan

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Thinking Ahead /Commentary

## Don't Rush Deal With China on WTO

#### Some Changes Are Needed if It Is to Join the International System

beyond economics.

If China is as serious as it says about joining the Westerndesigned international system, it must undertake two huge
commitments that would effectively seal off its Communist

of world trade talks that is likely to be launched in Seattle,
and would settle the in-

The second is that the conditions of China's WTO

membership should not be influenced by the state of re-

memoership should not be influenced by the state of re-lations between Washington and Beijing on other issues. It would be just as wrong for an angry U.S. Congress to detail a good WTO agreement as it would be for President Bill Clinton to hustle through a bad agreement to serve his own

the benefits. For while Mr. Zhu now seems eager to embrace

troduction of a market economy, and it must become a society controlled by agreed rules, not by authority arbi-

trarily imposed from above.

The role of the state must evolve from its Marxist-Leninist roots into something more like that of most noncommunist governments around the

That is why it is so important to

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — The integration of a resurgent China into the world economic system is one of the great challenges of the Global Age. And it is a challenge that goes way beyond economics.

the implications of membership, his enthusiasm is far from fully shared by the hulk of the Chinese hureaucracy.

This means that it will not necessarily be a bad thing if — as seems likely — no final WTO deal is struck during Mr. Zhn's visit. It would help to avoid the politicization of the negotiations if the aim were set of completing a deal by the time of the WTO ministerial meeting that is to be held in Seettle in Newspiter.

WTO membership before next year's

The terms of its WTO U.S. presidential election campaign gets fully under way.

For each time China becomes a political issue in Washington, as it is membership will help determine what kind of now and may be again next year, crit-ics tend to forget the advantages to the China the world will have

United States of Chinese WTO memto face in the 21st century. bership, treating it simply as a major American concession. It is true that WTO membership would help to protect China from U.S. trade sanctions and to guarantee its access to the American market. But Mr. Zhu also wants to join in

secure the right outcome of the long-running negotiations between Beijing and Washington over China's entry into the World Trade Organization, the Geneva-based custodian of the rules of international trade.

The terms of China's WTO membership—far more than order to make China more attractive for foreign investment and to galvanize its inefficient economy by progressively

The terms of China's WTO membership—far more than current scares over issues like espionage—will be fundamental in determining what kind of China the rest of the world will have to face in the 21st century.

Two consequences flow from that. The first is that it is more important to get the terms right than to rush into a more important to meet a political deadline, such as the flawed agreement to meet a political deadline, such as the visit this week of Prime Minister Zhu Rongji to the United States both economically and politically—not least because it should finally help to reduce the huge and growing U.S. trade deficit with China.

But it will not happen overnight. Once China has joined the WTO, there will have to be watertight provisions for ensuring that Beijing continues to conform to its obli-

As Greg Mastel of the Economic Strategy Institute puts it, the question is not whether China can promise to obey the

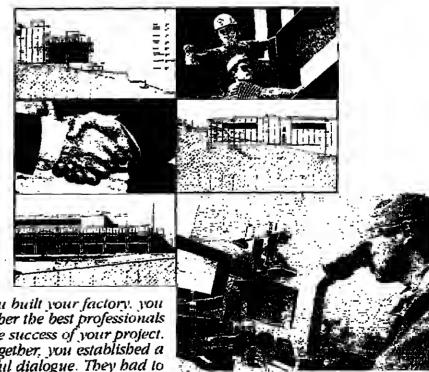
rules, but whether it can keep its promise."

Hitherto, China's record of implementing international trade and economic agreements has not been encouraging. It is not yet either a fully-fledged market economy or a rules-based society. But it is far more likely to become both of A good agreement would be one that makes sure China
A good agreement would be one that makes sure China
accepts the obligations of WTO entry as much as it enjoys

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#### Very briefly:

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•Brazilian banks reduced credit lines for companies by 39 percent in Fehruary and slashed loans to consumers by 16 percent, according to a report by Virtual Vendor Consulting published in the newspaper O Estado de Sao Paulo. • Liberty Media Group, a cahle-television concern, is to pay

\$280 million to increase its stake in General Instruroent Corp., a maker of TV set-top boxes that decode cable signals, to 18 percent and become the company's largest shareholder. • Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, a New York-based investment firm, is to buy BancTec Inc., which provides banking software and data-processing equipment, for \$525 million in cash and assumed debt but called off purchasing Centennial HealthCare Corp. because of a federal investigation into the nursing-home operator.

 Hanger Orthopedic Group Inc. is to buy the orthopedic clinics of Novacare Inc. for \$455 million in cash and assumed Bloomberg, Reuters

#### **Weekend Box Office**

LOS ANGELES -- "The Matrix" dominated the U.S. hox office over the weekend, with a gross of \$27.6 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Saturday's

The Associated Press

: 1. The Matrix	Warner Bros.	\$27.6 million
2. 10 Thiras   Hote About You	Tauchslone Pictures	S8.7 million
3. The Out-of-Towners	Paramouni	SB.) million
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4. (tle) Forces of Nature	DreamWorks	So.3 million
. A. EDIV	Universal Pictures	\$4.6 million
7. Shakespeare in Love	Miromax	\$3.3 million
8, Doug's 1st Movie	Walt Disney	\$3.1 million
9. Life is Beautiful	Miramax	\$2,8 mi@ori
3:10. The Mod Squad	MGM	\$2.4 million

## Japan Poll **Fuels Rise** Of Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the yen Monday as a survey profits. showed that business confidence in Japan improved less than expected in the first quarter, fueling expectations that interest rates there will remain near zero.

People bad already discounted any improvement" in the quarterly tankan survey of large Japanese

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

manufacturers, said Bob Gruber, senior foreign-exchange salesman at Chase Manhattan Corp. "The direction is still there for the dollar to go higher." In 4 P.M. trading. the dollar rose to 121.85 yen from 120.47 yen late Thursday. Most markets were closed Friday.

Kosovo depressed the euro against the dollar, pushing it down to \$1.0715 from \$1.0792.

Financial markets in Sydney, Hong Kong and most European cities to SBC Communications Inc. were closed for holidays, resulting in GTE Corp., which is being thin trading that tended to exaggerate any moves in exchange rates.

## THE AMERICAS Sound Economic Outlook Drives Market Rally

International Herald Tribune

market, as traders concluded that economic growth could remain steady, fueling gains in corporate

The employment report — issued ages than had been expected.

At the close, the Dow Jones intandard & Poor's 500 index was up percent gain in 2000.

27.40 at 1,321.12, also a record, and NEW YORK — Stock prices ral-lied to record levels Monday, the at 2,552.19, also its highest level first day of trading after a generally yet. Rising stocks led declining ones favorable report on the U.S. labor by a ratio of about 4-to-3 on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### U.S. STOCKS

Stocks were belped by a bullish while markets were closed for Good forecast from Merrill Lynch & Co., Friday — showed a decrease in the which raised its predictions for U.S. jobless rate but a smaller increase in economic growth and for corporate earnings in 1999 and 2000. Bruce Steinberg, chief economist, raised dustrial average was up 174.82 his estimate for growth this year to points at a record 10,007.33, the 3.5 percent, to be followed by a 3

That was an upgrade from a pre-vious forecast of 3 percent growth this year and 2.6 percent next year. Merrill also said the companies in

the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index would show earnings of \$48 a share in 1999 and \$51 in 2000, adding \$1 a share to its previous estimates for each year.

Computer-related shares led the market higher, Yahoo! was up 39% at 219 1/8, and IBM was up 6 15/16 at 183 15/16.

Prices of Treasury securities barely budged. The benchmark 30year Treasury bond rose 2/32 to 95 3/32; that lowered the yield to 5.58 percent from 5.59 percent.

## ■ U.S. Profit Margins Dwindle

Profit margins at major U.S. manufacturers fell in the fourth quarter to the lowest level in three years, Bloomberg News reported, quoting Commerce Department figures.

After-tax profits at manufacturers averaged 5,1 cents for each dollar of sales. That was down from 6.2 cents in the third quarter and 6.0 cents in the fourth quarter of 1997 and was the lowest since 4.9 cents per dollar of sales in the fourth quarter of 1995.

After tax profits at retailers with assets of \$50 million or more averaged 3 cents per dollar of sales, up from 1.9 cents in the third quarter.

## Ameritech and GTE Reach a \$3.27 Billion Wireless Deal

CHICAGO — Ameritech Corp. said Monday it had agreed to sell Concern about the conflict over about half of its wireless phone husiness on the U.S. Midwest to GTE Corp. and a private partnership, meeting conditions set by the Justice Department for the sale of Ameritech

GTE Corp., which is being taken

cellular services nationwide. company in the United States, and GTE will add 1.7 million custom-

access to markets with 12.9 million potential customers. Georgetown Partners, an investment company, will buy a minority

stake in the properties. over hy Bell Atlantic Corp., agreed to buy the husinesses for \$3.27 hillion in Bell Atlantic's wireless customer closing of SBC's purchase of Amer-The purchase would lift GTE and

cash, accelerating its plan to provide base to 13 million, the most of any ers in Chicago and elsewhere in coast providers such as A Illinois and in St. Louis and gain and Sprint Corp.'s PCS.

eventual wireless footprint for Bell Atlantic-GTE is an absolute pos-inve," said Scott Wright, n analyst at Fahnestock & Co.

The sale, which is subject to the

itech, would eliminate all cellular properties that overlap with SBC, Ameritech said. The merger is under coast providers such as AT&T Corp. and Sprint Corp.'s PCS.

"A purchase that extends the eventual mission of the U.S. telecommunications in-

dustry is "evolving to a handful of major players, and wireless is part of the competitive weaponry, Robert Wilkes, an analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. (Bloomherg. Reuters)

## MICROSOFT: With Stock as Bait, Microsoft's Research 'Nirvana' Lures Professors From Academia

Continued from Page 1

Microsoft Research is seeking hig names in computer science foremost, hut also leading thinkers in graphic arts, linguistics, biology and mathematics. While they may never write a piece of software, they could hatch ideas that the company's programmers one day might tum into big-selling products.

Here on a lush-green campus crisscrossed by shuttle vans painted with the Microsoft slogan, "Where Do You Want to Go Today?" the software giant is practicing its so-called dinner-party philosophy of hasic research: By assembling the right mix of brilliance, eliminating the osual concerns such as teaching, tenure and grant-proposal writing, and leaving people free to develop ideas, it hopes to generate the next wave of great computing.
But some school officials say Mi-

crosoft's elite guest list is depleting

"Microsoft Research has become parasite on the academic establishment," said Jim Morris, chairman of the computer-science department at Carnegie Mellon University. 'They are eating our seed com. If you take away great people from schools and put them in a place board, a group of deans and department heads — many of whom, where they're not teaching anyone. who will train the next geoera-

Microsoft officials deny that they have spurred a university brain mixed feelings of many in academia drain. Nathan Myhrvold, the comtoward Microsoft. On one hand, the pany's chief technology officer, company is depleting universities' said MSR probably hired six full staff. But on the other, "Microsoft is professors a year. The rest are junior-level professors and Ph.D.s. 'We haven't taken all that many top people in all," he said.

Some universities scoff at this, ing only fully tenured professors, a shallow measure of a department's teaching cache. And a few departments have been hit undeniably bard: Carnegie Mellon, for example, beginning in 1991, when a computer operating system expert named Rick Rashid left to become MSR's first director. Since then, "between 15 and 20 top people" have followed, said Raj Reddy, dean of Carnegie Mellon's computer science school. You never can completely recover

like Mr. Reddy, have been hart hy the company's talent hunt. While seemingly at odds, Mr. Reddy's joint roles underscore the

not a clear-cut force for bad," said David Dopkin, Princeton University's computer science chairman. The company, he said, should be praised for contributing to basic resaying that Mr. Myhrvold is count- search when other corporations were cutting back.

Microsoft spends \$3 billion a year on research and development. Carnegie Mellon's total endowment, hy comparison, is \$600 million. In recent years, the company has opened basic research labs in Cambridge, England, where the Cambridge Science Park has belped create about 1,200 high-technology companies, as well as in Beijing and in Silicon Valley.

The main facility in Redmond,

MIT: The Oxygen Project, With a \$40 Million Grant, Seeks to Reinvent Information Technology

legends such as Gordon Bell, the pioneer of the 1960s, who last month was seen fumbling with an office printer.

not at odds with the broader goals of academia.

Researchers often retain affiliations to their former schools, and the papers they publish benefit scholarship in general. Likewise, the company has courted university favor with \$80 million a year in cash and software "gifts,"

This is not pure altruism. Microsoft wants university scientists to invent things that will support its software. Until the practice was stopped last year, Microsoft paid facnlty members \$200 to lecture at conferences at which their speeches were deemed sufficiently pro-Microsoft.

While universities might bemoan Microsoft's recruiting drive, no one is forcing the professors to leave. In fact, they are inundating Microsoft Research with job inquiries, often through former colleagues.

Steve Clyne, a staff recruiter, said rom this," he added.

Building 31, has a giddy MSR received 50 to 200 such in-the tool I wield to Still, Mr. Reddy is a member of Nerd-in-Wonderland quality. Bare-quiries a month and that 80 percent shape the world,"

puter.

foot Ph.D.s mingle with coroputing of those who were offered positions accepted them. Base salaries, well into six figures for senior researchers, are on a par with those at most major universities. But stock options Company officials insist MSR is are the "X factor," and it doesn't take a Wolf Prize winner to calculate the profits reaped hy Microsoft options-holders in this decade.

'Stanford has stolen people from us before, but at least that was a level playing field," said Mr. Dopkin of Princeton, who bas lost two top pro-fessors to Microsoft. "Microsoft is implicitly saying, 'If you come here, in a few years you will probably be a millionaire,

Researchers insist they have not been lured merely hy wealth. In a dozen interviews last month, they characterized Building 31 as research nirvana where ideas could transcend the nurob abstraction of academia and shape a mass market. Several MSR innovations bave found their way into software.

"To me, this corporation is my power tool," said Steven Shafer, a Microsoft researcher who came from Carnegie Mellon in 1995. "It's

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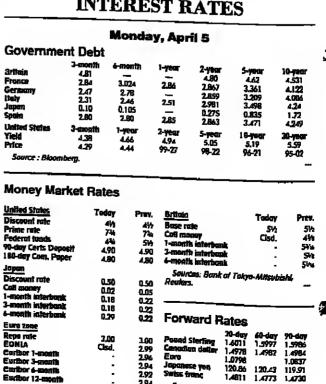
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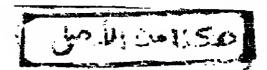
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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE. TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1999

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# Low Bank Reserves **Hit Tumbling Ruble**

MOSCOW — The ruhle fell through a key level Monday to a record low as the dollar ended at 25.11 rubles in moderate trading with most Western markets closed for a holiday.

The ruble has been tumbling in value in recent weeks after holding steady at about 23 to the dollar for much of the year.

Analysts point to sharply contracting central bank reserves as Analysis point to snarply contracting the main cause of the new slump. The chairman of Russia's central bank, Viktor Gerashchen-

ko, said last week that the bank would continue paying off Russia's huge foreign debt despite reserves that have dwindled to a three-year low of less than \$11 billion. The bank paid \$2.1 billion on Russia's foreign debt in the first quarter and is due to part with even more to service debt in

Russia desperately hopes to fill its coffers by getting a new loan agreement from the International Monetary Fund, whose mission is to arrive in Moscow on Tuesday.

#### Very briefly:

the second quarter.

Spain's Economy Ministry said that the International Monetary Fund expects the country's economy to grow between 3.25 percent and 3.5 percent in 1999, down from 3.8 percent in 1998.

 Russia's inflation rate slowed to 2.8 percent in March, First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov said, down from 4.1 percent in February and 8.5 percent in January.

• Kazakhstan has announced that it will stop defending its currency, the tenge, and allow it to float against the dollar. The dollar immediately rose from a first-quarter average of 88.1 tenge to 100.

• ABN-AMRO Holding NV, Europe's fifth-largest bank, agreed to buy a controlling stake in the Philippine thrift Great Pacific Savings Bank, a unit of House of Investments Inc. Terms were not disclosed.

Bulgaria's current account deficit probably will be "significantly larger than originally projected" this year while economic growth is unlikely to meet government targets, the International Monetary Fund said.

Dandy AS, a Danish confectioner, will finish a 175 million Deutsche mark (\$97 million) chewing gum plant in Russia's Novgorod regioo in June. The factory will produce 7,000 tons

of Stimorol and Dirol chewing gum brands annually.

#### Markets Closed

Many financial markets worldwide were closed Monday

## Cadbury Chief Flies Extra Mile

A Focus on Recharging Firm

By Constance L. Hays
New York Times Service

NEW YORK - John Sunderland, the chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes PLC, says he has always been afraid of heights, and for years he

Yet there he was last year in Interlaken, Switzerland, donning paragliding gear and leaping from an Alpine crag in full view of a gaggle of underlings.

"I wanted to prove that you can do anything if you set your mind to it," said Mr. Sunderland, 54.

The purpose, he said, was to help underscore the managing for value" strategy that he believes will transform Cadbury Schweppes from a sleepy, opportunity-missing, ultra-British conglomerate into a sleek, value-driven global powerhouse.

and-soft-drink empire rose 6 percent last year, and the share price skyrocketed as well.

The company has started to get the attention of Wall Street, which had dismissed it as a weak, third-tier player that relied too heavily on bottling agreements with rivals like Coca-Cola Co. and Pepsico Inc.

Sipping every so often from a Diet Dr. Pepper—a Cadbury brand—in a recent interview in New York.
Mr. Sunderland held forth on the importance of setting a good example—and on following the lead of one of his idols, Margaret Thatcher, who fanned the flames of privatization in Britain.

She demonstrated that change - dramatic change for the benefit of not just business, but society as a whole — could be done if you were committed to it," he said.

For nearly two years he has been spreading a message across the company that exhorts managers to be more accountable, adaptable and aggressive. And he emphasizes increasing shareholder value, while making sure managers are heavily invested in Cadhury shares.

Mr. Sunderland says that he has 80 percent of his own oet worth tied up in Cadbury stock.

company Mr. Sunderland knows well and admires, candy business than in soft drinks.



John Sunderland idolizes Margaret Thatcher.

thanks to a former bottling joint venture — they are innovations at Cadbury. The company makes such quintessentially British sweets as licorice allsorts, as well as Cadbury chocolates and Dr. Pepper, 7-Up and

"managing for value" strategy that he believes will be an according for value. The strategy that he believes will be a sleepy, opportunity-missing, ultra-British conglomerate into a sleepy opportunity-missing ultra-British conglomerate into a sleep

formed a bottling company dedicated to Cadbury brands. Then Cadbury negotiated bottling agreements with Coke and Pepsico that seemed to guarantee that brands like Dr. Pepper and 7-Up would be

secure for several years.

In December, Cadbury announced it was selling most of the international rights to its brands, ranging from Dr. Pepper to Schweppes itself, to Coca-Cola. While the deal faces regulatory hurdles and will likely take several more months to be completed, it is worth \$1.85 hillion to Cadbury.

"This is still a somewhat neglected stock," said Caroline Levy, an analyst who follows the beverage industry for Schroder & Co. "What they achieved last year took the market by surprise."

After rising 67 percent in 1998, the stock is down 11.6 percent so far this year, hut Ms. Levy thinks it still shows a lot of promise.

Mr. Sunderland denied speculation that the Coca-Cola deal was but the first step in his company's exit most of the international rights to its brands, ranging

Cola deal was but the first step in his company's exit from beverages. After all, be said, Cadbury has a 15 percent share of the American market.

"Why on earth would we want to relinquish a position like that?" he asked. Still, many analysts While such precepts may seem old hat to American position like that?' he asked. Still, many analysts executives, particularly those at Coca-Cola Co. — a expect the company to invest far more heavily in its

## Elf Aquitaine Makes New Oil Deal With Iran

PARIS — Elf Aquitaine SA and Bow Valley Energy Ltd. of Canada tries are accused by the U.S. gov-have signed a contract to develop an errorent of sponsoring terrorism. Iranian offshore oil field, the French oil company said. It was Elf Aquitaine's second deal with Iran in just over a month.

Under the deal announced over the weekend, the Elf Aquitaine sub-sidiary Elf Petroleum Iran has an 85 A Foreign Ministry spokesman percent interest and will be the operator for the Balal oil project, whose cost it estimated at \$300 millioo.

The United States has frowned oo European oil investments in Iran in the past, and France's Total SA oearly sparked a diplomatic row in 1997 when it announced a \$2 billion

gas deal with Iran. But Washington held back from applying sanctions aimed at discour-

aging companies from doing busi-ness with Lihya and Iran. Both coun-

In Total's case, the Clinton administration eventually issued a waiver for the deal, citing the European Union's cooperation on cur-tailing Iran's capability to produce

said France does oot recognize the legality of the extraterritorial reach of the U.S. legislation. "Elf is free to sign cootracts in Iran if it wants," the spokesman said. "It's a commercial decisioo.'

Elf Aquitaine said the Balal field lies 100 kilometers (62 miles) south of Lavan Island in the Gulf and has recoverable reserves estimated at 100 million barrels of good quality oil.

## European Drugmakers Set A Record for Takeovers

PARIS — Takeover and merger agreements in the European drug industry reached a record \$48.9 hillioo in the last four months and investors are betting that more takeovers and mergers will come.

The four-month total was \$4 billion above the valoe of merger ac-tivity for all of 1996, which had set an annual record and was marked by the combination that created Europe's biggest producer, Novartis

The trend could accelerate as rising research costs, governments' efforts to cut health-care spending and pressure to produce new treatments push the makers together. Last week saw reports that Glaxo

Wellcome PLC, Europe's No. 2 pharmaceutical company, had cour; ted Bristol-Myers Sqoihh Co. of the United States, one year after the British company's attempt to merge, with SmithKline Beecham PLC failed.

Analysts say Schering AG, Merck KGaA and Denmark's Novo Nordisk A/S could be involved in

"There is going to be oo end to the amount of merger activity" you're about to see in the drug husiness," said Robert Lyoo, presidenti of Institutional Capital Corp. ini

Expirations of patents can be a big reason for companies to com-1 bine their research and productioo.,

## PARKS: Smarting From an Exodus of Software Experts to Silicon Valley, Asia Builds High-Tech Centers Aimed at Luring Them Back-

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complex called Cyberport, Cyberport is one of several futuristic technology parks that are rising from Taiwan to Singapore. With Asia mired of 6.8 million.

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Pacific Century's technology arm. "I see these projects as laying the foundation for the next spurt of growth." The unanswered question, of course,

ment will induce creative software engineers to occupy those gleaming new

Cyberport is typical of the concept. Designed as a miniature Silicon Valley, the office and residential park will sit on

buildings and leafy parks is envisioned as an oasis in this densely populated city.

technology as a way to recapture their rates in Hong Kong's business district,

They regard these parks as potent highest in the world:

marketing tools, showcase projects that can help vault them into the digital age among their technology-minded youth.

"The crisis has forced countries to reassess their economic models," said Alexander Arena, the chief executive of Pacific Century's technology arm "Jess".

where commercial rents are among the highest in the world:

"Softs, Mr. Li has signed International Business Machiness Corp., Microsoft Corp., Oracle Corp. and six other foreign companies as tenants. Eventually, he hope grown — that he said should make Hong Kong a stimulating environment for even his own company's restless

"The culture has to change," Mr. Li The unanswered question, or course, is whether creating the architectural said. "If you doo't attract people from trappings of a high-technology settle-outside and have some sort of lead-orthogonal trappings."

ership, it will never happen."

Other Asian technology parks have an uneven track record. Some, such as the Hsinchu Science Industrial Park in Taiwan, nearly two decades old, are well-established minicities with hundreds of ture. Its emphasis on short-term spec-

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Of City University of Hong Kong, said:

"Hong Koog's claim to prosperity is through trade and financial services," said Otto Lin, the vice president for research at the Hong Koog University of Science and Technology. 'All these advantages are gradually croding, so Hong Kong has to find another road to prosper-

Mr. Lin, a Taiwan-born academic who has advised the governments of Taiwan and Singapore on technology policy, said Cyberport would "accen-tuate the need for technology."

Bot if Hong Kong is determined to catch up with its neighbors, he said it

onick return.

Mr. Lin said that spending oo research and development in Hong Kong, for example, amounted to only 0.3 percent of gross domestic product, compared with 1.4 percent in Singapore, 1.7 per-ceot in Taiwan and 2.8 perceot in the

I have noticed a change from deep skepticism to open-mindedness. But I doo't think any of them have become true, avid advocates of technology."

That is in sharp contrast to Taiwan, which has been pouring public funds into technology for about two decades. Focusing first oo serving multinational companies, Taipei has concentrated in recent years on developing smaller in-digenous companies. Today, native companies such as Acer Inc. have turned Taiwan into ooe of the world's biggest producers of computer components.

said Wilson Tang, a civil engineeriog professor at the local University of Science and Technology. "Students believe that everything has a single answer. When something comes op that they haven't encountered before, they

For his part, the young Mr. Li, who majored in computer engineering at Stanford University, likens the typical Hong Koog college graduate to a "violinist who is technically very good, but there's on inspiration."

Bot it is oot just a matter of training young people to be more innovative. Hong Kong has five major universities, which turn out 5,000 to 6,000 techoology graduates a year. Bot it provides scant joh opportunities for these tech-oologists. Although IBM, Dell Computer Corp. and other major computer companies have offices here, they tend to focus oo sales and marketing. That is partly a function of Hong Koog's high

Mr. Li's Pacific Ceotury is working But specialists say Hong Kong must with Intel to create an information scr-retool its educational system oot only to vice that would be transmitted by satclplay up technology but also to promote lite to cable operators throughout Asia. east Asia.

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Intel is devising the technology that would enable Mr. Li to deliver informatioo at high speeds over this network of satellites and cahle, But Pacific Century is responsible for designing the "content" - the information and entertainment that will flow through the

system.

Mr. Li is drawing oo his experience with STAR TV, Asia's first satellitedelivered cable television service, which he began in the early 1990s; he sold a controlling stake to Rupert Murdoch's, News Corp. for \$525 million in 1993.

He has also recruited roughly 60 soft-

ware designers to create and package news, information and entertainment. Right now, this mostly Asian group works in Sunnyvale, California, a 15minute drive from Intel's Santa Clara headquarters. But Mr. Li intends to move them back to Hong Koog, where they woold design services tailored for markets soch as China, India and South

## YEN: Hope of Rebound Fades

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will probably have to keep pumping money into the banking

will probably have to keep pumping money into the banking system to ensure that interest rates stay low.

"Both the government and the central bank need to maintain support for the economy through the second half," said Tomoko Fujii, senior economist at Nikko Salomon Smith Barney (Japan) Ltd. "We expect the Bank of Japan to take steps in the April-June period to further ease monetary policy."

The survey suggests that government spending programs and tax cuts have steadied the economy but failed to engineer a recovery. "The big question is what happens after the current stimulus measures run out of steam in midsummer,"

Mr. Morgan of HSBC said.

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Japan's deputy finance minister, Koji Tanami, said the Bank of Japan's survey was within expectations and conceded that it was unclear whether the economy was on the path of

We had expected tankan to show corporate sentiment and we nad expected tankan to snow corporate sentiment and profit outlook would improve while capital investment would remain sloggish," Mr. Tanami said at a new conference.

The survey revealed that companies of all sizes and sectors

said they planned to spend less in capital investment in the current fiscal year, which ends in March 2000.

Mr. Tanami said the government's priority was to implement smoothly the budget for the current fiscal year. The budget includes enough spending to feed ecocomic growth for

the time being, he said. He made the comment in response to a question about whether the government planned to draft a supplementary hudget to pay for additional stimulus packages. Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa has repeatedly said the government sees no need for a supplementary budget to support the economy. Some eronomists say the government will be forced to draft a supplementary budget in the second half of the current fiscal year when public-works spending from the government's

economic stimulus pian runs out. The government will probably draft a supplementary budget of as much as 5 trillion year (\$41.5 billion) by early annume, said Yasunari Ueno, chief market economist at Puji Securities Ltd. The diffusion index of leading indicators, which signals economic trends three to six months shead, registered 42.9 on a preliminary basis for February, down from a revised 44.4 in

a preliminary was some reconstruction, down it and a revised 44.4 in January, the Economic Planning Agency said.

Further muddying the economic picture was a plunge of 3.8 percent in household spending in February from January, the percent in nonsecord spectrum in Fortuary incoming management and Coordination Agency said.

Japanese consumers kept their pocketbooks closed because Japanese consumers kept their pocketbooks closed because of concerns that they may be out of a job or their wages will be cut as companies undergo massive restructurings and staff reductions. The seasonally adjusted index for household spending fell to 92.9 in February from 98.1 in January. The spending fell to 92.9 percent rise in spending in January from decline followed a 2.2 percent rise in spending in January from

the month earlier.

Akio Yoshino, director of investment at Credit Suisse Asset Akio i osimio, said before the numbers were released. Management, said for the next couple of months as a. "Spending will fall for the theat couple of thomas as a reinforcement of corporate structuring weighs on consumer

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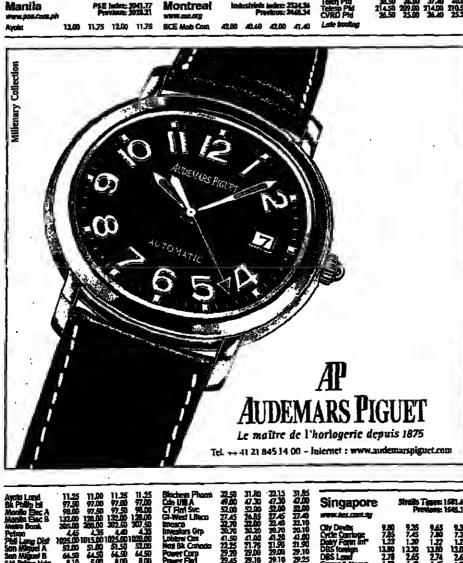
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#### Very briefly:

 Singapore Telecommunications Ltd. and MobileOne Asia Pre.'s sales agents are being investigated for pushing customers to sign mobile phone contracts beyond a government deadline. The Singapore industry regulator said it is investigating agents who filled weekend newspapers with advertisements for deals requiring customers to sign 12-month contracts.

· State Bank of Pakistan, the central bank, lowered the rate at which it lends to banks to 14 percent from 15.5 percent, hoping to provide a fillip to the country's economy.

Petroliam Nasional Bhd. appointed Dresdaer Kleinwort Benson to help with the Malaysian state oil company's purchase of a stake in Proton Bhd., which some have said amounts to a rescue of the automaker's parent, Hicom Holdings Bhd. National Thermal Power Corp. of India posted a 16 percent rise in net profit, to \$591 million, for the year ended March 31. The state-owned corporation's revenue rose 10

percent, to \$3.29 billion. • Royal Dutch/Shell Group will reduce production at its Singapore refinery by 34 percent in April, citing "current and given market conditions."

• Kurava Corp. said it sold 150 million yen (\$1.24 million)

would halt imports of cheaper nat-

worth of Pfizer Inc.'s Viagra anti-impotence drug in the first week after the drug became available in Japan.

•Burma's military government has unveiled a budget guaranteeing heavy spending — estimated at 34 percent of the total Bloomberg, AFP

## Malaysia Again Cuts Key Rate

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia's central bank cut a key interest rate Monday, part of its effort to stimulate growth, amid fresh evidence that the country's economy is still grappling with recession.

The trade surplus widened to 4.9 billion ringgit (\$1.29 billion) in February, with imports sliding as consumers and businesses spent less because of concerns about the re-

cession, the government said.

Bank Negara Malaysia reduced its three-month intervention rate in the short-term money market from 7 percent to 6.5 percent, a move it said should result in a further easing of lending rates to support the revival of economic activity.'

The central bank has been easing monetary policy since Angust, with its three-month intervention rate progressively reduced since then

from a high of 11 percent. February's trade surplus was the 16th in a row and exceeded the Jannary surplus of 4.3 billion ringeit.

Imports fell 14.2 percent to 16.99 billion ringgit in February from a year ago, the state news agency Bernama reported, citing the Department of Statistics. Exports fell at a slower rate of 2.1 percent to 21.93

billion ringgit.

The string of trade surpluses is swelling Malaysia's foreign reserves and current account. This could provide support for the ringgit if the government lifts its fixed exchange rate. The currency was fixed at about 3.8 to the dollar on Sept. 2.

Malaysian business groups, worried about expensive imports, urged the government Monday to allow the

ural rubber from Thailand and Vietnam, to help its domestic rubber industry after world rubber prices percent in the last six months.(Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

## Chase Manhattan Objects to PAL Bailout Plan rehabilitation plan that effectively without due process of law," the would convert PAL's promissory bank wrote.

MANILA — Philippine Airlines Inc.'s rehabilitation plan appeared notes with maturities of between to hit a snag Monday as Chase Mantwo months and one year into a 12hattan Corp. urged regulators to re- year, interest-free loan. ject the plan, saying it was "grossly

Chase, the U.S.-based bank that has \$9.8 million in unsecured shortterm loans to PAL, became the first change Commission. foreign creditor to publicly oppose the program to revive the debtstrapped flag carrier. PAL, which creditors must waive unpaid interest worth of debt last June, has received support for its rehabilitation plan

from its biggest creditors.

"It was precisely because the debts were short-term in nature that April 15 whether to accept the plan. imfair and prejudicial' to some creditor Chase Manhattan agreed to grant the loans without security,' the bank told the Securities and Ex-Chase also objected to the pro-

vision in the plan that unsecured suspended payments on \$2.3 billion charges since PAL suspended payments on its debt nine months ago. It is "tantamount to a violation of

rom its biggest creditors. the constitutional prohibition with PAL covering four leased Boe-Chase objects to the part of the against deprivation of property ing 737-300s. The creditors are Gen-

Increasing support from creditors could help the rehabilitation plan win regulatory approval. The securities commission is scheduled to decide by

The U.S. Export-Import Bank and European credit agencies, fully secured creditors that are owed about two-thirds of PAL's debt, backed the plan before it was submitted to the commission March 15.

lessors, said Monday that they would revive the airline. approve the survival plan if the commission acted on a compromise deal

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infusion of \$200 million and major operational changes, including the consolidation of its international and domestic operations in a new terminal in Manila.

Perfecto Yasay Jr., chairman of the securities commission, said Monday that he had received reports that Lucio Tan, the majority owner of PAL, was willing to contribute Three other creditors, all aircraft the \$200 million infusion to help

If Mr. Tan puts up the cash, Mr. Yasay said, the rehabilitation plan will be approved on April 15. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP, AP)

## Assets at Biggest Chaebol Rise 8.5% in Year

SEOUL - The value of the assets of South Korea's top 30 industrial groups rose over the past 12 months even as the government urged them to slash debt by selling some of their investments, according to data released Monday.

The combined assets of the nation's top 30 conglomerates, or chaebol, rose 8.5 percent to 472.8 trillion won (\$420 billion) as of the start of this month, compared with 435.3 trillion won a year earlier, the

Fair Trade Commission said. The latest asset figure is higher than South Korea's gross national product of 414 trillion won.

been under government pressure to sell off peripheral businesses and focus on their most profitable operations since their reckless expansion helped cause the nation's fi-

nancial crisis in 1997.

Among the top 30, Daewon Group moved up one place to opening of its insurance market be-second, passing Samsung Co., after cause the country's domestic in-it added 25.5 trillion won in assets; surers are still unprepared for largeand Lotte Group moved ahead of Dong Ah Group into 10th place.

Two leading food manufacturers, the Cheil Jedang and Samyang ance Co., as well as Sun Life Ingroups, entered the top 30 for the surance Co. of Canada and Prudenfirst time, while ailing New Core tial Corp. of Britain, were told to

and Samyangsa groups fell out. their debt-to-equity ratios through re-As a result of mergers, sales and forms that require them to shed non-

commission said.

spin-offs, the number of chaebol viable businesses. Their aggregate tion's biggest chaebol, with 88.8 units fell to 686 at the eod of 1998 debt rose to 367 trillion won as of trillion won in assets, was unfrom 804 at the end of 1997, the Thursday from 357.4 trillion won a changed from last year with 61 year earlier, the commission said.

units, mainly because of its acqui-The highly leveraged chaebol have Among the top five chaebol, sition of the bankrupt Kia Group also been under pressure to reduce Samsung Group shed the largest companies. (Bloomberg, AFP)

## China Opens Its Door to 4 More Insurers

BELING - The Chinese government cleared the way Monday roduct of 414 trillion won. for four more foreign insurance South Korean companies have companies to enter the country's potentially hicrative market.

The government's decision is seen as an effort to gain support for Beijing's application to join the World Trade Organization.

But officials here warned that

scale entry by foreign competitors. The U.S. giants Chubb Corp. and John Hancock Mutual Life Insur-

Commission and the Foreign Trade Ministry in Beijing, according to Ian
Lancaster, Chubb's regional manThe United States and the Euro-

ager for greater China. After the invitation, approval of the applications is expected to be a

formality. Foreign insurers had been expecting China to issue invitations to one

China could afford only a limited or two U.S. insurance companies during the visit to the United States by Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, which starts Tuesday. "The timing is connected with

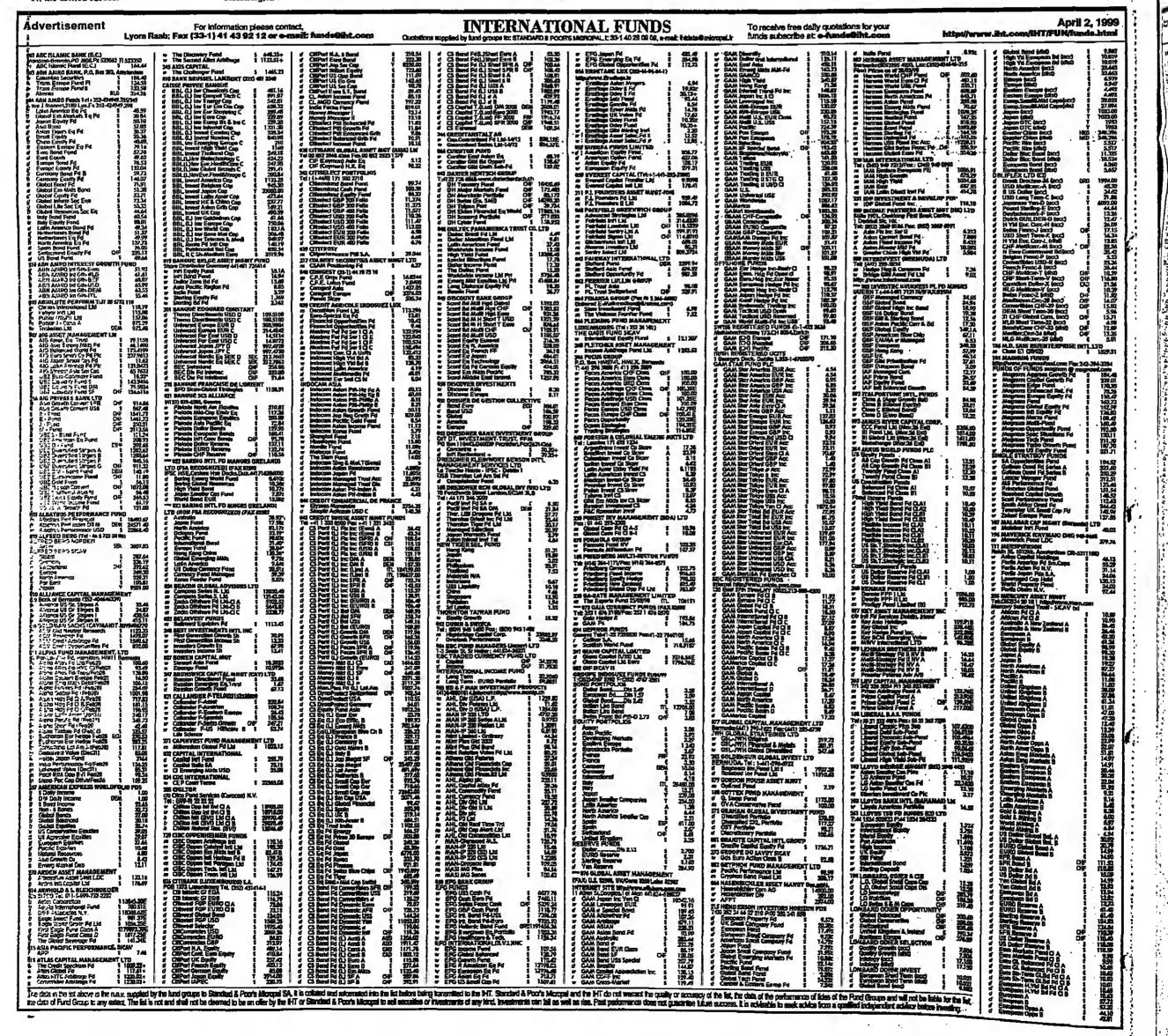
Zhn's visit, but it's more related to movement on the WTO and the opening of the financial services in-' Mr. Lancaster said. Last year, insurance premiums

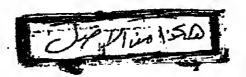
apply for licenses at a meeting with totaled 124.7 billion yuan (\$15.06 the China Insurance Regulatory billion), 14 percent more than in billion), 14 percent more than in 1997, according to the official Xin-

pean Union have been pressing China to open its service industry doors wider as one condition for approving its entry into the World Trade Organization.

The statement did not say in which cities the insurance companies would be allowed to operate. China now restricts foreign insurers .. to Shanghai and Guangzhou

Competition in these two cities is intense, and the government is trying to restrict the size of commissions that domestic insurers pay to agents to ensure long-term stability in the industry. (Bloomberg, AFP)





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#### INTERNATIONAL INVESTING

# Enthusiasm for Anti-Virus Shares Is Not Contagious

By Rebecca Fairley Raney New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In the Cupertino, California, offices of veloper Trend Micro Inc., an avalanche of pizza boxes duced benefits for anti-virus tumbled to the floor from time to time last week, and the United States similar to those company pool table was commandeered as a cot. Both were a result of programmers' working through the night to create software that would clean the Melissa virus from

Whatever the impact on the company's bottom line, the effort paid off quickly for virus by the news media stockholders. On Friday, March 26, the day the virus was first reported, the company's stock, which is traded exclusively in Japan, was listed at the equivalent of \$104 a software. At the same time, share. At the close of trading on the following Monday, it had climbed to \$127, although by the time U.S. federal agents arrested a suspect in the case in New Jersey last Friday morning, the shares stood at \$124.48 on the

Tokyo Exchange:
"Clearly, the investors seem to think it's good for business,' said Dan Schrader, director of product marketing. "Clearly, we are benefiting from it."

stock is an exception, a benefit of being well positioned in Asia, where the use of antivirus software is not pervasive, and of specializing in software to protect e-mail which Melissa's target.

Other anti-virus companies addition, for giant American market." players like the Symantec Corp. and Network Associ- rus software was installed in ates Inc., anti-virus software 75 percent of business com-

That was not always the the Japanese software de- case. Four or five years ago, publicity about viruses procompanies traded in the enjoyed last week by Trend

> Today, the use of these digital vaccinations is so pervasive in the United States and Europe, among both companies and individuals,

failed to madge the market. One reason is that in a saturated market, even a potent new virus may inspire very sociates both post free updates for each new virus on their World Wide Web sites, so keeping existing customers protected is a net cost.

Stock prices actually dropped slightly last week for Network Associates of Santa Clara, California, and for Symantec of Capertino. On March 25, the day before the Melissa virus appeared, Network Associates closed at \$31. A week later, well into But Trend Micro's surging the virus publicity, the stock was at \$30.75. Symantec closed at \$16.63 on March 25, and was at \$16:13 a week

"It's unlikely that any of those companies is going to see any measurable revenue as a result of the virus," said Paul Sannders, a research failed to get such a lift, in part analyst at Soundview Techbecause they compete in nology Group in San Fran-more mature markets. But in cisco. "It's a fairly mature

He estimated that anti-vi-

worldwide, has been asked by the Securities and Exchange tion of its accounting write-

offs on companies it has acquired. The company's stock price behaved very differently after technology stocks in general the last major virus announcement. In late Decem- the fourth quarter. ber, when Network Associof a virus called Remote Ex-

**BancBoston** Robertson Stephens in San Francisco, said in an interview in January. Still, he pointed out that were strong toward the end of

At the time, officials from ates announced the discovery both anti-virus companies existence of new viruses. played down the role of virus plorer, the company's stock reports in their stock prices.

"Do I think the stories had for Symantec, which pro-some effect? Yes," John duces the Norton Utilities as for Symantec, which pro-"The business grows over

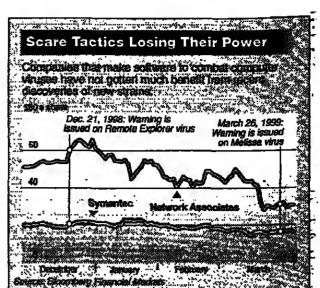
Before the market neared saturation, virus reports often led to huge increases in purchases of anti-virus software, a phenomenon that encouraged the companies to publicize the

That competitive culture was back in evidence after the site."

meaning that the potential revenue opportunities from battling a new virus are diluted across a broad product

Aggravating the situation, jumped 22 percent within a "To tie a single event like Melissa discovery last week, symantec saw a 13 per-that to our stock prices is a with companies pressing their advantages in a barrage of Intel difficult," said Steve Trilling, director of research press releases that emphasized product of the market publicity. speed in producing fixes.

Network Associates' press Commission for a clarifica- Powers, an analyst at well as Norton Antivirus, release said it was "the first company to offer detection and cleaning." Symantec offered "detection and repair within an hour" after spotting the virus. Trend Micro said it Melissa and had been "the first anti-virus vendor to provide a solution for the Melissa virus at its Web



## Annual figures 1998

- Strong net profit growth for 1998 to U.S.\$2,961 million (+21%).
- Profit per share rose by 19.2%.
- -Dividend increased to U.S.\$1.38 (+19.6%).

(in millions of dollars, except for amounts per share)	1997*	1998	% change
Result before taxation: ***			
- insurance operations	1,823	2,694	47.8
- banking operations	1,505	1,194	-20.7
Net profit	2,447	2,961	21.0
Net profit per ordinary share	2.64**	3.15	19.2
Dividend per ordinary share.	1.16	1.38	19.6
Total assets ****	329,212	461,820	40.3
Shareholders' equity ****	25,647	34,003	32.6

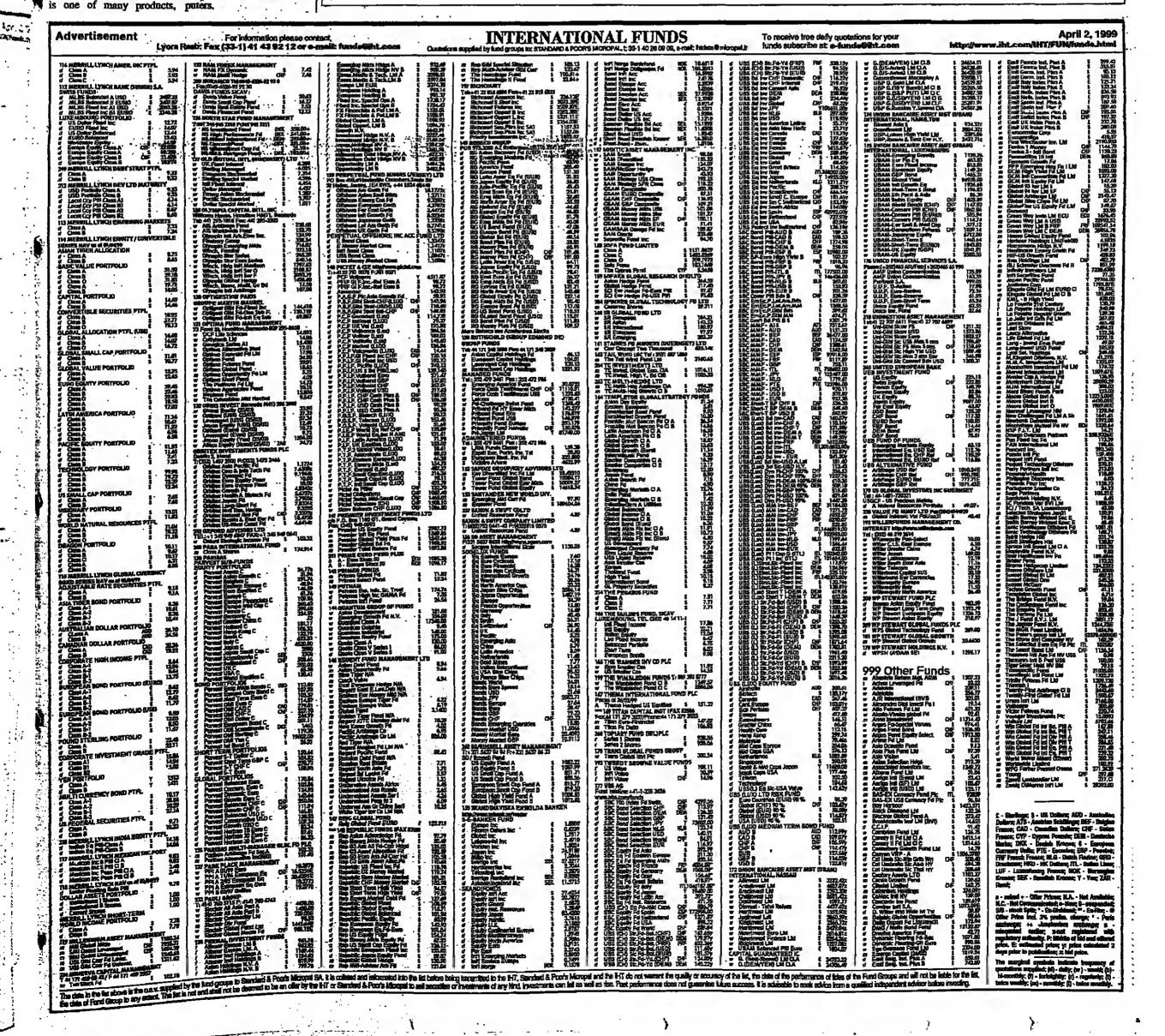
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- Despite the turbulent conditions in the financial markets, ING Group closed the year 1998 with good results. All core activities contributed to the net profit increase, with the exception of the international corporate & investment banking activities. Especially the operations to the Benelux reported favourable results.
- The total contribution of the acquired companies to net profit was U.S.\$684 million, after deduction of finance charges. These contributions were made by BBL (U.S.\$581 million), Equitable of lows (U.S.S81 million) and Furman Selz (U.S.\$22 million).
- Without non-recurring items of, oo balance, U.S.\$628 million, the operational act profit amounted to U.S.S2,334 million (-3.5%). The non-recurring items were the profits made on the sale of the non-life insurance operations to the US (U.S.\$419 million), Libertel (U.S.\$224 millioo), Kredietbank Belgium (U.S.S190 million) and credit insurer NCM (U.S.S27 million) as well as additions to special provisions for low interest rates outside the Netherlands (U.S.\$167 million) and the Millennium Calamity Fund (U.S.\$65 million).
- The oct profit from the insurance operations rose by 49.2% to U.S.\$2,138 million. Excluding the nonrecurring items, the operational net profit amounted to U.S.\$1,813 million (+23.7%). Equitable of lows and higher sales results from equities, convertible bonds and real estate contributed to this increase.
- The global financial crisis depressed the net profit from the banking operations, which decreased by 22.6% to U.S.\$823 million, Excluding non-recurring items, an operational oet pmfit remained of U.S.\$521 million (-48.0%). This decrease can be entirely attributed to the non-recurring strong decline of the trading results and the extra additions to the debt provisions. The item Additions to the provision for loan losses of the banking operations increased by U.S.SS82 million to U.S.\$1 billion, of which
- U.S.\$0.5 billion related to Asia and Russia. Assets under management went up by 45.3% to U.S.S296 billion.



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# SPORTS

### Masterful Duval Ready for Augusta

GOLF David Duval hirdied three of the final six holes at the Bell-South Classic in Duluth, Georgia, to warm up for the Masters with his second straight victory and fourth of the year. Duval shot a finalround 5-under 67 Sonday to finish at 18-under 270, two ahead of

Stewart Cink (70).

Rory Sabbatini (70) and John Huston (70) were in third at 273.

Duval was two stokes back on the 15th but holed a chip to start his

charge as his rivals crumbled. Sabbatini douhle-bogeyed the 17th and bogeyed the 18th. Cink bogeyed the 16th and 17th. The \$450,000 Duval earned was enough to break the PGA Tour

single-season record he set last year in 23 events. Duval has earned \$2,598,300 in eight starts.
Sahbatini, a tour rookie, needed to win the event to earn an in-

vitation to the Masters. •Graham Marsh won the Tradition, the first senior major, after snow forced a cancellation of play snow forced a cancernation for the second time in four days in (AP)

#### Hingis Stops Kournikova

TENNIS Martina Hingis overwhelmed Anna Kournikova, 6-4, 6-3, to win the Family Circle Cup in Hilton Head Island, South Caro-lina. Kournikova, 0-2 in finals, threatened only once, when she broke Hingis's service in the seventh game for a 4-3 lead. (Rewers)

#### Lights Out in Nigeria

soccer The world youth cham-pionship in Nigeria suffered its first hiccup Sunday when a floodlight failure, which an official said was the result of sabotage, interrupted the game between Mexico and Ireland.

The group C match, won 1-0 hy Mexico, was delayed for 12 minutes when the lights went out after an hour of play.

Argentina, the defending charn-

pion, beat Kazakhstan, 1-0. Enrico Kern scored three times as Germany beat Paraguay, 4-0. (AP)

#### Feyenoord Closes In

SOCCER Feyenoord won the Rotterdam Derby against Sparta, 1-0, on Monday and now needs 14 points in its last eight games to clinch its 14th Dutch championship. It leads second-place Vitesse

hy 11 points. The Danish striker Jon Dahl Tomasson put Feyenoord ahead at 15 minutes. After the hreak, Bert Konterman's header was cleared off the line and the Sparta defender Nico Jalink was fortunate to avoid an own-goal. Tomasson almost snatched a second goal in the fifth minute of injury time on a rebound. The other Dutch game Monday finished in a 1-1 draw between FC

#### Lara Races to Century

Twente and FC Utrecht.

CRICKET Brian Lara, the West Indies captain, continued his hlazing form with a rapid century on the second day of the final test against Anstralia in Antigua.

Lara scored exactly 100 in 82 balls as he shared a stand-off 116 with Dave Joseph. Lara's last 69 runs took just 30 balls. He hit 15 fours and three sixes.

After Lara was out, the West Indies collapsed. It was all out for 222 on Monday in reply to Australia's first innings of 303. (AP)

## WORLD ROUNDUP First Ball Thrown Out South of the Border

Majors Begin Baseball Season in Mexico

By John Ward Anderson

MONTERREY, Mexico — A sport obsessed with history and statistics and its place in American life and tradition opened its 131st season with a solid if not particularly exciting game before a sellout crowd of 27,103 in this mountain-ringed industrial give a contract of the contrac industrial city in northern Mexico.

It was the first time that Opening Day occurred outside the United States or Canada, signaling baseball's increas-ingly aggressive bid to expand its reach and Mexico's growing importance to U.S. culture, sports and entertainment. The venue was the brainchild of the San Diego Padres, last year's National League champions, who found an entertainment. thusiastic opponent in the Colorado Rockies. The Padres, technically the

home team, lost, 8-2, Sunday.

"Every business worth its salt is exploring the global markets," said Larry Lucchino, the Padres president. "This sends a loud and clear signal to people and the United States and page 1 outside the United States and partic-

outside the United States and particularly in Mexico that we recognize their importance to the growth in basehall."
Vinny Castilla, 31, the Mexican-born, power-hining third haseman for the Rockies, got a boisterous, hometown hero's welcome every time he took the field and stepped to the plate. He did not disappoint, slapping three singles and a double and making a lightning-quick snag of a line-drive in the second inning to roh the Padres third baseman, George

"I'm very excited to be part of this historic game," said Castilla, who was bom in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca and joined the major leagnes in 1993. "It's important for Mexican base-ball, for me and for all of baseball to keep have been all of baseball to keep have most say it. expanding."

Castilla — who has batted at least .300

and has had more than 40 home runs and driven in 100 runs in each of the last three

with a five-run second inning and never looked back, scattering 18 hits over the game, including two singles, a double and a home run hy left fielder Dante Bichette. The Rockies' winning pitcher,

Articles and pictures of the Padres and Rockies were splashed across Mexican newspapers for a week and the stadium was sold out despite ticket prices (\$10 to \$60) that were more than a week's salary for many Mexicans.

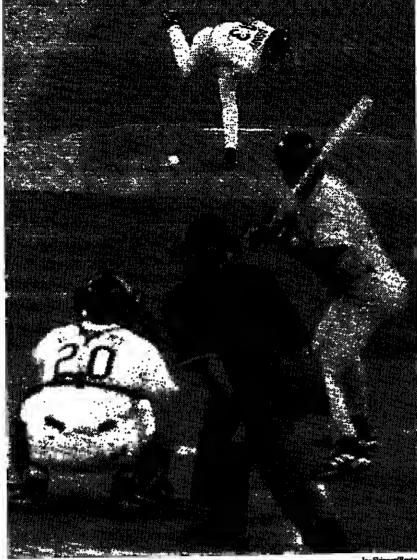
The opener was shown nationally throughout Mexico on the Televisa network. ESPN, the U.S. sports channel, broadcast it to more than 200 other countries, including the United States. Major League Baseball executives said that, in coming years, the season opener might

coming years, the season opener might be played in Japan.

In truth, baseball is still a novelty sport in Mexico. The first game in this country was played near this industrial boom town 25 miles (137 kilometers) from Texas on July 4, 1829, when the American foreman of a railroad construction project gave his U.S. and Mexican workers the day off and organized a baseball game.

baseball game.
Public surveys show that soccer is by far the favorite sport among Mexicans. followed hy basketball. American foot-ball and baseball are popular principally in the north of the country, where U.S television stations beam games across

can generate enough of it to lure a team ers to \$7 for the best seats. seasons - is one of the best Mexican- from the United States and pay the sal-



The Padres' Andy Ashby throwing the season's first pitch to Darryl Hamilton.

Padres and the Dallas Cowboys build huge fan followings. The Padres offer special huses from the border to their stadium, and many games are broadcast in Spanish.

Although Mexican fans dream of having a major league team here, most say it won't happen any time soon. The real special say the design of the page of the won't happen any time soon. The real issue is money and whether fan support range from about 80 cents for the hleach-

That would not generate the cash flow bom players ever to play in the majors.

The Rockies got off to a quick start

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and president, was part of a consortium that proposed Mooterrey for an expansion team before the 1994 peso crash. Maiz listed the advantages: good cli-mate, baseball tradition, good airline connections, security, great restaurants

## Early Wynn, Winner of 300 Games, Is Dead at 79

The Associated Press
CLEVELAND — The Hall of Fame

pitcher Early Wynn, a 300-game winner and one of the fiercest competitors of his time, has died at an assisted-living center in Florida, The Plain Dealer reported. He was 79.

Wynn died Sunday night, his daughter, Sherry Van Tilburg, told the newspaper. He had suffered a heart attack and a stroke in recent years, she said.

Wynn pitched from 1939 to 1963, winning 20 games or more for the Cleveland Indians four times and once Cleveland Indians four times and once for the Chicago White Sox. He was 23-11 in 1954 when the Indians won the American League permant with 111 victories in a 154-game season. In 1959, he won the Cy Young Award for the pennant-winning White Sox, posting a 22-10-record at age 39. Unusually for a pitcher. Wynn was also a good hitter, with 17-career home runs and a batting average one season of .319. Managers would sometimes use him as a pinch-hitter.

Wynn returned to the Indians in 1963,

Wynn returned to the Indians in 1903, needing one more victory to reach 300. He reached the milestone on July 13, pitching five innings of a 5-4 victory in. Kansas City against the Athletics.

After he retired, Wynn was a pitching coach for the Indians and for the Minnesota Twins. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1972.

■ Sosa Is Tops in Spring Homers Sammy Sosa won the spring training home-run title, hitting his 12th on the final day of preseason play as the Chica-go Cubs lost to the Minnesota Twins, 8-The Associated Press reported.

Sosa's leadoff homer in the ninth. inning at New Orleans on Sunday gave him 12 in 32 exhibition games. Mark McGwire, who beat Sosa last year for the home run title and major-league record by hitting 70 to Sosa's 66, finished with nine in the St. Louis Cardinals' 29 preseason games.

## Raptors Turn Rapacious

They Beat 76ers for Record 6th Straight Victory

The Associated Press

record for the franchise, and continued ington. their surprising rise through the Eastern

76ers, 97-82, to climb to seventh place

#### NBA ROUNDUP

in a conference race that keeps getting tighter.

'When teams come into Toronto, they know we're not a pushover anymore." said Dee Brown, who was 4 for 7 from behind the 3-point arc in a game that didn't stay close for long.

The Raptors shot 59.4 percent in the first half and led, 50-38, at intermission, then began the third quarter with a 19-7 run that gave them a 24-point lead. Philadelphia closed within 13 in the fourth, hut got no closer.

Allen lverson, who leads the league in scoring, didn't make the trip to Toronto after he and Larry Brown, the Philadelphia coach, exchanged words on the couver to its 14th successive road loss. sidelines during the game Friday against

The Sixers insist that Iverson is being rested because of a deep thigh bruise, not because of his quarrel with the coach.

Heat 90, Wizards 79 Miami ended its The surging Toronto Raptors four-game losing streak — its longest in stretched their winning streak to six, a three years — with a victory in Wash-

rs 98, Bucks 74 Wesley Person scored 20 points as the Cavs ended vis-The Raptors beat the Philadelphia iting Milwaukee's four-game winning

> SuperSonics 101, Bockets 84 Gary Payton's backup, John Crotty, carried the Seattle offense during the fourth quarter with 14 of his career-high 19 points as the Sonics hlew a 17-point lead but beat visiting Houston.

> Pacers 108, Knicks 95 Rik Smits scored 22 points and the Pacers withstood a brief scoring outburst by Latrell Sprewell to beat New York in Indianapolis. Sprewell scored 11 straight points for New York to cut a 16-point deficit down to four hy the end of the third quarter. Indiana then scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter.

> Bulls 88, Grizzlies 87 Mark Bryant scored 25 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, as Chicago reached douhle figures in victories and sent Van-

> Nuggets 82, Cappers 80 Channey Billups hit a driving layup with less than four seconds left and Antonio McDyess had 20 points and 13 rebounds as Denver beat the Los Angeles Clippers, who



Seattle's Payton going up for a shot.

dropped to 1-17 on the road. In games reported in late editions Monday.

Hawks 85, Hornets 83 Mookie Blaylock scored seven points late in the fourth quarter and Grant Long hit a baseline jumper with 2.6 seconds left as Atlanta beat visiting Charlotte.

Nets 91, Celtics 79 Keith Van Horn scored 25 points and Stephon Marbury added 20 as New Jersey won in Boston.

## The Devils Act Devilish

They Overcome New York in Fight-Filled Game

streak against the Rangers to 14 games didn't respond.

NHL ROUNDUP

with a 4-1 victory Sunday in a game which contained 61 minotes of penal-

Petr Sykora, Sergei Nemchinov, Jason Arnott and Vadim Sharifijanov scored as New Jersey inched closer to a third straight division title. The loss all but assured the Rangers will miss the playoffs for the second straight year.

The combination of the Devils' dominance and the Rangers' frustrations made the final 20 minutes entertaining for the sellout crowd in New Jersey.

The highlights were a major called against Chris Tamer, a Rangers defenseman, for fighting an unwilling Bobby Holik; a coincidental cross check and slash by Kevin Stevens of the Rangers and Sergei Brylin of the Devils; and a main event pitting heavyweights Rumun Ndur of New York and Krzysztof Oliwa of New Jersey in the final minute.

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey
— The New Jersey Devils might own the New York Rangers on the ice. That doesn't mean they can push them around.

The Devils extended their unbeatenties the Rangers to 14 games there is a specific or the property of the Rangers for years with his physical play. On Sunday, John Muckler, the Rangers coach, insisted the Devils center threw Marc Savard down once and ran him from behind on another occasion. With 2:48 to play Tamer started throwing punches. Holik

"Holik never fights," Muckler said. "He turtles out there on the ice. He likes to stab guys in the back and jump them from behind."

Holik tried to ignore the accusations. Muckler has got "to do what he's got to do," said Holik, who made a great pass on Nemchinov's first-period goal that gave New Jersey a 2-0 lead. "I've got to do what I have to do to win the

hockey game." Oliwa felt the Devils were simply de-fending themselves. "We have the play-offs to go," he said. "We have to protect our players. They will be playing golf

two weeks from now and we're not. Red Wings 3, Stars 0 Wendel Clark remained hot, with a third-period goal in Dallas, and Chris Osgood stopped 27

shots for his third shutout of the season. Kirk Maltby energized the defending Stanley Cup champions with a firstperiod goal, then Clark made it 2-0 with his fourth goal in six games since being acquired by the Red Wings.

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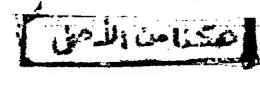
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**SPORTS** 

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and in the end, all that rethat gets a lot or knos out
wanting to play tennis tomorrow morning," he said.

In the 13 Davis Cup

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is Cup teammates were bob-

By Christopher Clarey reach with the racket and hit when he looks back on his en on Saturday and the Courthy a International Herald Tribune

BIRMINGHAM, Engand Addition an analysis and in the end, all that retained the standard of play was

bing up and down in their chairs, screaming encouragement in a futile antempt to be heard over the chant of "Go Greg Go, Go Greg Go."

But for Courier, in the midst of the fifth set of this midst of the fifth set o

Rusedski's big feet that 3, 7-6 (7-4) loss to Tim Hengood as it gets."

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British occupants were rocking. Courier's American Daving. Courier's Courier Davin Because Courier was just a

little better than Rusedski, the United States will play host to Australia in the quarterfinals

the British, the emotion and commotion were extraneous.

The last wave had broken, and Courier, after three hours in Boston. But it is doubtful that there ever has been a Washington. But as this is the time I had such a peaceful and 47 minotes, had clinched that fans were the ocean trying to hit me with waves, and I that felt more like a final. It is that fat there ever has been a more competitive encounter that there ever has been a washington. But as this is the more competitive encounter to hit me with waves, and I that felt more like a final. It is that felt more like a final it is the location granted the Americans the right to be host to a match.

a stretch volley, reach and flashes through his memory over Martin and Alex O'Bri- Andre Agassi declined to who aren't here don't exist Andre are not team players."



Jim Courier, left, getting a hug from Tom Gullikson, the U.S. Davis Cup captain, after the American victory.

Americans would be the hosts to be here.' of a relegation match at Long-wood. But Courier's tennis Lloyd, wished they had come; bore little resemblance to his

play for the United States, it this week. I love those guys,

"I really think that if Sampras

looked quite possible that the but we can't make them want

**Charlton Edges** West Ham, 1-0

Premier League's traditional the bottom three with his goal. Easter Monday program fea- Francis Jeffers gave Everton tured teams struggling at the bottom of the division. the lead, but Benito Carbone scored twice in the second half

- Manchester United, Ar-

#### PREMIER LEAGUE

United — was in action. Arsenal is slated to play Blackburn Rovers on Tnesday.

Graham Stuart scored in the 75th minute Monday to give Charlton Athletic a 1-0 victory over its East London rival, West Ham.

The victory lifted visiting Charlton out of the bottom three in the 20-team division. At the end of the season, the

LONDON - The English Sheffield Wednesday - into scored twice in the second half None of the top four teams to give Sheffield the victory.

George Boateng's goal senal, Chelsea and Leeds gave Coventry a 1-0 home triumph over Southampton. taking Gordon Strachan's team six points above the relegation zone.

> Elsewhere, Pierre van Hooijdonk curled in a free kick from 30 meters (100) feet) in the final minute to give Nottingham Forest, the last-place team, a 2-2 draw

> with visiting Liverpool. But Nottingham Forest is nine points behind 19th-place Southampton with six games

to hit me with waves, and I just stayed calm."

See an opeo space, hit a monster forehand. Need a big first serve, find the line. Need first serve, find the line in that felt more like a final. It is a good bet that Courier's 6-4, we would have won, in July in Longwood no matter who their opponent.

Courier said: "We're the because I don't think the final day of the season to the first division.

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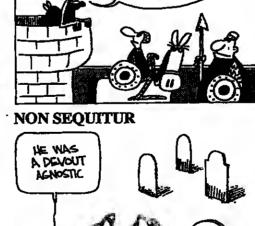


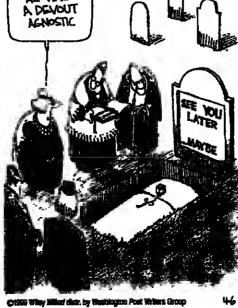
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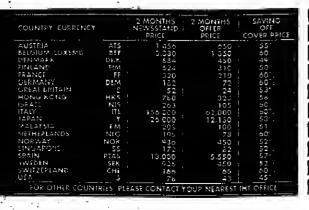
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## Vying With Mr. Gates

NEW YORK—Bill Gates
has just writted a book entitled "Business @ the Speed of Thought," in which he has listed the "Ten New in amorowave oven if it does Rules Concerning Computer not warm up. Networking."

Without stealing his thooder, I also have 10 rules that

I will eventually put in a book. They are not as sophisticated as Mr. Gates's, but then again, I don't have his

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turning on your computer, try to remember your password. Many people do anything on a computer cannot boot up their machines unless someone under 13 is because they can't recall standing next to you, whether they named their •8. The more bells and whether they named their

•2. Do not hit any key you are not certain of, as it will only make you lose the file oo yoor hard disk. You may ask, "Which key?" No one knows which button oo your knows which button oo your computer will make yoo lose everything you have writteo for the last true days.

•5. If you have difficulty

getting the font you want, do oot call the computer maker to talk to someone. They will put you on hold for a week or until you starve to death.

• 6. There is no such thing as a friendly computer. It will stab you in the back as soon as you turn to answer the telephone

•7. A computer is so simple even a child can use it as a matter of fact, only a child can use it. Do oot try to

password after their wives, whistles a computer has, the children or the girl next door. less chance you have of doing

for the last two days.

•3. Spilling coffee or mine in New Mexico.

### Mandela Takes His Wife Home

JOHANNESBURG — President Nelsoo Mandela of South African spent part of the Easter weekend fulfilling a tra-ditional duty — introducing his oew wife to his tribal clan in

a colorful ceremony.

Mandela, who will retire after general elections on June 2, married Graca Machel, the former first lady of Mozambique, oo Joly 18, his 80th birthday. But he still had to meet his obligation to his Thembu clan. He spent Friday and Sannday engaged in the traditional ceremonies of welcoming his bride to the tribe at his second bome, in Qunu, a small village in Eastern Cape province,

A presidential spokeswoman said the ceremony formed part of the lore of the Xhosa tribe, of which Mandela's Thembu clan is a part. "Mrs. Machel was introduced to the Thembu family and they had a traditional blessing," the spokeswoman said.

# In Indonesia, a Voice That Will Not Be Silenced

By Mishi Saran

JAKARTA — On a warm evenbuild roads, cultivate the land, struggle to survive.

He was for a long time voiceless.

But snatched moments of scribsmelling kretek an essential prop to digressive his analysis. discussing his memoir, which will conditions" and smuggled out, rebe published in the United States minded him that he was a writer.

day; it's best for my lungs, "says the donesian citizen!" Pramoedya 4-year-old Pramoedya Ananta Toer. "If I smoke, I'm still living."

Best known for "The Burn Tetralogy," a series of covels that have the prividely translated and have the prividely translated and have the proposition of the light to can onesen an indonesian citizen!" Pramoedya writes in the memoir, in a letter to a child.

Pramoedya is above all a bomaniarian. He says he owes his

been widely translated and began appearing in the United States in the early 1990s, Pramoedya is as fragile as a bird, slightly stooped with age. Wisps of white hair fringe the back of his head, and his grin reveals a gap in his teeth.
"I live for writing, but my books

are banned," Pramoedya says. "That means that my life has been guage be writes in, or Dutch, and he

speaks a careful English.

On a low table in the front sitting room, galleys of his memoir "The Mute's Soliloquy" lie open. The collection includes parts of what survived from writings permed between 1965 and 1979, years be was a political prisooer under Suharto's rule. Pramoedya's writing is understated and unflinching. "Is it possible to take from a man his right to speak to himself?" be asks in "The Mute's Solitony."

This steely stance is a magnet for younger writers and activists who trickle into Pramoedya's living in "The Mute's Soliloquy."
The Dutch regime arrested him

in 1947 for being "anti-colonial."
The Indonesian military imprisoned him in 1960 for defending the country's persecoted ethnic Chinese. Then, oo the night of Oct. 13, 1965, in the shadow of Sukarno's fall and a nationwise was my past. The youth of Indonepurge of leftists, the writer was sia is my future. kidnapped from his home.

Hundreds of thousands of others were abducted or killed in the were abducted or killed in the loose heaps of paper from months that followed. For a few pramoedya's past, picked the mayears, they languished in prisons

served as a prison for some of the prisoners, and for 12 years, he and thousands of others were forced to

"What a high price one must pay "I smoke two packets of kreteks a for the right to call oneself an In-

greatest debt to Multatuli, a 19thcentury Dutch administrator who wrote against colonialism and said that a human being's duty was simply to be human. Pramoedya is still determined to speak. He writes occasional articles for the foreign press and is working oo a book on

an Irian Jaya prison camp.
"Look, I have my own voice and confiscated. He is most comfortable in Bahasa Indonesia, the lananybody. Although my freedom is confiscated, I create my own freedom," he says.
In 1992 he decided to stop re-

porting to the East Jakarta military post, although the officials some-times stop by for coffee to check on his location. "Burn did not change

younger writers and activists who trickle into Pramoedya's living room. As one friend put it, often they doo't have anything specific to say, they just want to be oear him. Pramoedya himself refuses to

Pramoedya has a secret weapon. The man who combed through the



Pramoedya Ananta Toer: "My life has been confiscated."

Jakarta prison. For 20 years, Joe- waves them toward Joesoef. soef has coaxed and sculmed Pramoedya's writing, an amanuensis of sorts. He bustles around the writer, tidies up his loose ends and frequently tells him what to do.

Pram types like a government employee, with 10 fingers and one space between the lines," Joesoef

Years ago, a soldier hit Pramoedya in the bead with a rifle butt; he suffered a concussion and

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close friend of the author and was a municate. That made him reluctant political prisoner for a decade in a to talk to outsiders, so he mostly

> The writer's trust is absolute. When Pramoedya was 'freed,' he came to me with a stack of old papers, really old papers. He said, Joesoef, I foood these papers. Read them. If they are interesting, maybe yoo can compose a book.'

Joesoef says.
So Joesoef made each chapter in the memoir an independent story. you're not optimistic, what's the He divided the fragments of writ-point of living?" ing into three sections. Pramyears, they languished in prisons terial and then edited it, was Joesoef the wound became infected, impairoedya's soul-baring letters to his
and detention centers. Buru Island Isak. The wry former journalist is a ing his bearing and ability to comchildren were followed by the Kong.

writer's thoughts and reflections and, finally, his essays. The book was published in

Dutch in the Netherlands more than 10 years ago. An attempt to publish the memoirs in Indonesia, in Bahasa, oo the author's 70th birthday

resulted in the book being banned. So to be heard beyond the Dutchspeaking world, the pair turned to Willem Samuels, a translator and an expert on Indonesian literature. Over a period of 10 years, Samuels translated into English the original 800 pages collated by Joesoef.

He makes poetry out of nonfiction." Samuels says. "A good part of the collection is letters to his children; he writes as a father to a beloved child and it's a nuance you try to capture."

The hardest to compile and translate was the final section, a list of names of the prisoners who died on Buru, through illness, violence or hunger. Pramoedya noted as many as he could. "All the diseases - trying to find the Latin names and then the English," Samuels says. "Each prisoner's name had to be called from Pramoedya's scraps, alphabetized."

Unlike with many Indonesian writers who set their stories in fantasy worlds, Pramoedya's work is rooted in history. He is precise, cinematographic, and Samuels tried to remain faithful to that style.

This month, the three men and Pramoedya's wife, Macmunah Thamrin, will go to the United States for a lecture tour and a seminar that coincides with the release of the translation by Hyperion Press.

In his Jakarta living room, Pramoedya stubs oot his cigarette. He cups a hand behind his ear to hear the question, and says, "I have not left Indonesia in 40 years. I cannot even imagine what it's

For his country, his visioo remains firmly in the future. "If

Mishi Saran is a writer in Hong

#### FIFTY years after the weekly music show Louisiana Hayride first took to the stage, hundreds of the original reg-



OPENING — A soldier examining a sculpture at a modern art exhibition in Shanghai. The government has closed three such shows this year.

ulars returned for some hillbilly, western swing, blues, gospel, jazz, Cajun and pop music. Willie Nelson was back, as were others who worked behind the scenes on the show, which ran on Saturday nights until 1960. Johnny Cash, Slim Whitman and Johnny Horton got their starts there, and Jim Reeves worked as an announcer until a singer didn't show up one night and he was asked to fill in. "It was a wonderful place," said Hunter Huff, who appeared in 1954 with his four-man dance band. "That crowd set you on fire and made your heart throb."

Kevin Costner realized one of his eague baseball game. He also realized one of his biggest fears - making an error Sunday to lose the game. Costner dropped a ball in the sixth imning, allowing the scoring run as the Anaheim Angels defeated his alma mater, Cal State Fullerton, 2-1, in the Angels' last

exhibitioo game before the seasoo starts. "It was a really great day, but it would have been better without the error," Costner said. "I felt really bad about making us lose the game. I just missed it in front of everybody." Costner has starred in the baseball movies "Field of Dreams" and "Bull Durham," in which he performed his own baseball stunts.

Joe Namath and his wife of 15 years, Tatiana, are getting a divorce. The former football star filed for divorce oo March 19, the Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, reported. According to court records, Tatiana Namath, 37, is not contesting it. The couple lived in Jupiter, Florida, with their children Olivia and Jessica.

Cheap Trick is headed for the Internet. The band plans to release a live album April 20 - but "Music for Hangovers' will be available via Amazon.com for two months before it goes to stores. The new album will include live tracks with the Smashing Pumpkins' musician Billy Corgan. It comes 20 years after the band's live "At Budokan" album spun off the hits "Surrender" and "Auf Wiedersehen."

first R&B star — but don't call ber a diva. "I'm not," she told The Boston Globe. "I'm really a settled, down-to earth person. I treat people the way I like to be treated and that's just with respect." Cox, of Torooto, made history Deborah Cox says she's enjoying life on the top of the U.S. charts as Canada's "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here."

## Slow Sales for Tickets to Diana Estate

ONDON - Sales of tickets to visit the ancestral home and final resting place of Diana, Princess of Wales, have been slow so far this year, and nearly half remain unsold three months before the gates are opened to the public.

Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, will open the Althorp estate and the museum he created in her memory from July 1 through Aug. 30, the day before the second anniversary of Diana's death in a 1997 Paris car crash. Visitors are not permitted to visit the island where she is buried, but can see it from the edge of

the ornamental lake on the estate. The tickets went oo sale in January and more than 70,000 of the 152,000 that are available remain unsold, a spokeswoman for the earl said Sunday. "There wasn't the buge rush for them at the start as there was last year. And the princess's death has oot dominated the news this year so sales are understandably slower," she said. About 150,000 people visited the estate last year.

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